

Fifth Annual Meeting

New Orleans, La.

March 3-5, 1915



Woman's
Missionary
Society



Louisiana Conference
Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Miss

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Mrs Keiburgall
Mrs. Morris
Mrs. Norris

Miss Haskin

QUIZ ON THE MINUTES

To be used as a lesson for first meeting after being received.
Use devotional as given by Miss Bennett (see Minutes.)

1. Name the officers of Louisiana Conference and give the duties of each.
2. Give the gist of the President's message.
3. Who was the Council guest? Find out all you can about her from the Minutes, Voice or other sources.
4. Have each auxiliary officer represent the corresponding Conference officer and give important items from her report.
5. Give five important items from each of the Corresponding Secretaries' reports.
6. Have roll of honor in each auxiliary for members that can give in full the report of the Committee on Extension of work.
7. What does it cost to be a member of an adult auxiliary? (See report of Committee on Finance).
8. What pledge were our delegates to the Council instructed to make for Louisiana.
9. What did you as an individual give toward the pledge last year? Have you pledged this year as God has prospered you?
10. Give three recommendations of the Committee on Social Service.
11. Give items 2, 3, 6, 10 of report of Committee on Young Peoples' work.
12. Give items 3, 5, 6, 8 from report of Committee on Children's work.
13. What is suggested in Article 5 of report of committee on Mission Study and Publicity?
14. Will you begin NOW to make plans for sending your delegates to the Annual Meeting at Ruston?
15. Have your auxiliary President represent the delegate to the Council and give the substance of her report.

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A PAGE OF HISTORICAL DATA

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was organized in Baton Rouge in 1878. Mrs. W. M. Reade of that city was elected President. There were probably no annual meetings held, Mrs. Reade having charge of the work until 1884, when the Society was re-organized. From that time we have the following record:

President.	Place.	Year
Mrs. W. M. Reade, Baton Rouge.....	Mansfield	1884
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Minden	1885
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Mansfield	1886
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Ruston	1887
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Alexandria	1888
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Delhi	1889
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Baton Rouge.....	1890
No record of meeting in.....		1891
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Keatchi	1892
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Grand Cane	1893
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Lecompte	1894
Name changed to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....		1894
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Crowley	1895
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Mansfield	1896
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport.....	Homer	1897
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Opelousas	1898
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Minden	1899
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Shreveport	1900
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Monroe	1901
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Rayne Memorial, N. O...	1902
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Bunkie	1903
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Opelousas	1904
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans.....	Ruston	1905
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans.....	Alexandria	1906
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans.....	Lake Charles	1907
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans.....	Shreveport	1908
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans.....	Monroe	1909
Mrs. W. W. Carré, New Orleans.....	Alexandria	1910
Woman's Foreign Missionary and Home Mission Societies united forming Woman's Missionary Society in.....		1911

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In 1891 the "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society" was organized in New Orleans with Mrs. F. A. Lyons, President. In 1898 the word Parsonage was dropped leaving it the Woman's Home Mission Society. The first annual meeting was held in 1893:

President.	Place.	Year
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Felicity Church, N. O...	1893
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	La. Ave. Church, N. C...	1894
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	New Iberia	1895
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Ruston	1896
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	New Orleans	1897
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Lafayette	1898
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Alexandria	1899
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Shreveport	1900
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Ruston	1901
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Mer Rouge	1902
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Crowley	1903
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Alexandria	1904
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Shreveport	1905
Mrs. F. A. Lyons.....	Baton Rouge	1906
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette.....	Lafayette	1907
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette.....	Minden	1908
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette.....	Mansfield	1909
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette.....	New Orleans	1910
Societies united forming Woman's Missionary Society.....		1911
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette.....	Monroe	1911
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport.....	Natchitoches	1912
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport.....	Baton Rouge	1913
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport.....	Rayville	1914
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport.....	New Orleans	1915

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY
COUNCIL.

PRESIDENT.

Miss Belle H. Bennett.....Richmond, Ky.

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Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Home Department.....Nashville, Tenn.

TREASURER.

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross.....Nashville, Tenn.

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Mrs. Hume R. Steele.....Nashville, Tenn.

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Mrs. Bessie W. Lipscomb.....Nashville, Tenn.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Mrs. Fitzgerald Sale Parker.....Nashville, Tenn.

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Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....Spartanburg, S. C.

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Miss Belle H. Bennett.....Richmond, Ky.

Miss Maria L. Gibson.....Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. J. B. Cobb.....Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. L. P. Smith.....Jacksboro, Tex.

Mrs. Luke G. Johnson.....Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. E. B. Chappell.....Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Mary N. Moore.....Athens, Ala.

Miss Daisy Davies.....Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Lee Britt.....Suffolk, Va.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens.....Columbia, Mo.

and helped very much by their prayers and words of advice and encouragement.

The Conference closed Friday evening and a splendid program was given by the Junior Missionary Societies of New Orleans.

As we turn our faces to the future, let us work with zeal and courage and keep this thought before us: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The opening session of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was held in the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 3, 1915, with the President, Mrs. Abel Bliss in the chair.

Hymn, "Praise the Savior All ye Nations," was sung and Mrs. E. R. Kennedy read a scripture lesson using for her main thought, these words: "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." A service of Re-consecration followed and Holy communion was administered by Reverends Dr. Werlein and Doss.

Business was then taken up. In the absence of Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, Mrs. R. W. Winstead was elected Recording Secretary pro tem. Roll of officers called showed all present but five.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

✓ Extension of Work—Mrs. A. P. Holt, chairman; Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. W. O. Blair, Mrs. H. S. Johns, Mrs. Evans.

✓ Finance—Mrs. J. J. Holmes, chairman; Mrs. Edward Alvis, Mrs. Lewis Clark, Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mrs. E. B. Reagan, Mrs. Roland.

✓ Junior Work—Mrs. R. H. Harper, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Price, Mrs. J. E. Walters, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. B. E. Eskridge, Mrs. S. L. Riggs, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Kilbourn, Miss Ellie Jamieson, Mrs. Roy Harrison, Mrs. Fleet Coleman, Mrs. Helmke, Mrs. Root.

✓ Young People's Work—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, chairman; Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mrs. R. B. Eglin, Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. C. C. Miller, Mrs. John Pierce.

✓ Standing Rules—Mrs. A. P. Holt, chairman; Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.

Editing and Printing Minutes—Mrs. R. W. Winstead, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.

✓ Resolutions—Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, chairman; Mrs. J. F. Coleman, Mrs. A. C. Dawkins, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt.

✓ *Temperance*

✓ Social Service—Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, chairman; Miss Eliza Iles, Miss Martha Nutt, Miss Abbott, Miss Walker, Mrs. Henry Turpin, Mrs. M. R. Goodale.

Nominations—Mrs. B. E. Eskridge, chairman; Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. Dawkins, Mrs. D. C. Warren, Mrs. C. V. Pullen, Mrs. Ben Johnson.

✓ Enrollment—Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, chairman; Mrs. John B. Parker.

Historical Data—Mrs. F. A. Dicks, chairman; Mrs. W. W. Carre, Mrs. A. A. Bartels.

Courtesies—Mrs. Beech Carre, chairman; Mrs. Felix Hill.

Sale of Literature—Miss Cora Godat, chairman; Mrs. T. Cowden.

✓ Mission Study and Publicity—Mrs. A. F. Godat, chairman; Mrs. H. S. Johns, Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. C. R. Carraway, Mrs. F. Bradt.

The President's message followed in which she sketched the work of the Society since it became a united society. She gave "Loyalty" as the watchword and urged each member to be loyal to the Master, to the Conference, the district, and the auxiliary.

Mrs. W. W. Carre and Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, two former Presidents gave brief messages each, expressing the earnest desire that we "Go Forward" in this work.

Miss Belle Bennett, the Council President and guest of honor of the Conference was introduced and gave an inspiring talk on "Bringing the Church into line in the Master's army."

The following annual reports were read:

Secretary of Home Department—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.

Secretary of Foreign Department—Mrs. A. P. Holt.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. J. Holmes.

Miss Bennett suggested the importance of collecting Conference expense fund in the first month of the Conference year.

The noon devotional hour was conducted by Miss Martha Nutt. Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us" was sung, followed by prayer by Mrs. Bliss. Miss Nutt read a lesson from the first chapter of Acts and in a very impressive manner gave an exposition of same stressing the importance of Unity of Spirit and Prayer.

Reverends R. H. Wynn and Gearheard were presented.

After the benediction by Dr. Wynn the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, Wednesday, March 3, 1915.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "From Greenland's Icy Mountain." Miss Bennett gave a very helpful and forceful devotional lesson from the book of Job, quoting these words for especial thought: "He that willeth to do God's will shall know the truth, and if ye know the truth, the truth shall make you free."

After this business was taken up, motion carried that the secretary be instructed to write Mrs. W. W. Holmes expressing sympathy in her bereavement, also to Mrs. J. C. Calhoun of Rayville.

A telegram from Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Townsley and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun of Rayville was read in which greetings were sent to Louisiana Conference.

A mother's conference followed, in which the following helpful and instructive papers were read:

The Christian Home a Missionary Training School. This paper was read by Mrs. George Brown for Mrs. G. E. Cameron of Alexandria.

Our Opportunity with Our Children, Mrs. Gibson of Algiers.

Our Opportunity with Our Neighbors, Mrs. George Brown, New Orleans.

Our Opportunity with Our Servants, Mrs. Edward Alvis, New Orleans.

Rev. Dr. Werlein was presented and expressed his deep appreciation of the above papers and suggested that they be sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for print.

The report of Vice Presidents followed.

In the absence of Mrs. Mangham, Mrs. Bliss gave a brief report of the work of the First Vice President.

Report of the Third Vice President read by Mrs. A. F. Godat.

Report of the Fourth Vice President read by Mrs. E. R. Kennedy.

Resolution offered in regard to the Mormon situation by Mrs. Kennedy, signed by the President and Secretary to be sent to Congress urging Federal control of this matter.

Report of Superintendent of Publicity, Mrs. A. C. McKinney, read and forcibly illustrated.

All above reports accepted. Hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming" was sung, after which our deaconesses, Misses Iles, Abbott and Walker were presented and each made a brief talk.

Mrs. Werlein, wife of the pastor of First Church and Mrs. Lilly Meekins, the Angel of the Irish Channel were presented. After which the meeting adjourned to meet Thursday morning, March 4, at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The devotional service of the Thursday morning session was conducted by Miss Iles, who read for the lesson the second chapter of second Timothy. "I Love to Tell the Story" was sung, after which regular business was taken up. Minutes read and approved as read.

Report of First Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Harper, read and accepted, the Conference giving a standing appreciation of same. Prayer for our children, by Miss Bennett followed.

The following topics were discussed and great light thrown on the Negro question:

Our Work among the Negroes, Miss Belle Bennett.

The Old and New Darkey, Mrs. C. C. Miller.

The subject, "How You Can Help Us" was given by Frank Smith who gave the view-point of the colored race along this line.

Miss Bennett in her convincing and impressive manner told of the work of the Missionary Council for the Negro at Augusta, Georgia, and the establishment of Bethlehem Houses.

Report of the City Mission Board given by Mrs. Montgomery of New Orleans. Mrs. Montgomery told of the different features of this work and made a plea for individual help for these institutions.

A paper by Mrs. L. C. McVoy of Natchitoches, on "Modern Dress" was read by Mrs. Winstead.

Our Foreign Work in New Orleans was next subject taken up. Miss Nutt, Miss Abbott, Mrs. O'Bierne, Miss Wilson, Mr. Thomas, and Rev. and Mrs. Romano, all of St. Marks Hall were presented and Miss Nutt told of the work done there and made a plea for same. Rev. Romano led in prayer using the Italian dialect.

The following were introduced: Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mrs. A. C. McKinney, State President of W. C. T. U., Miss Mary Werlein, Dr. Felix Hill, Reverends Lipscomb, Brown and Doss.

The noon hour Bible Study was conducted by Mrs. O'Bierne who read about "The Transfiguration of Christ." "She gave a talk on "The Ascended Life."

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Felix Hill, after which the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "True hearted, Whole Hearted." Miss Walker read the tenth and eleventh verses of the fifty-eight chapter of Isaiah, telling of the service required of a Christian.

Our beloved Mrs. Lilly Meekins made a strong plea for the Werlein Mission and told of the work done there. The workers of Werlein Mission were presented.

Rev. Werlein told of a plan by means of which the men of the city of New Orleans could be interested in city mission work and suggested that the different activities of the Church be put before them at informal banquets given at stated intervals. This plan was heartily endorsed by Miss Bennett.

Dr. R. A. Meek of the New Orleans Christian Advocate was presented and gave a few words of greeting.

Motion carried that all papers for Friday morning be set aside and time given to Miss Belle Bennett to hold an Institute on our work.

Election of officers followed. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Abel Bliss.

First Vice-President, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.

Mrs. Cunningham urged that the work of the Young People be on the hearts of all and that an effort be made to establish more Young people's auxiliaries.

Second Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Harper.

Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. A. C. McKinney.

Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy.

Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. A. F. Godat.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Holt.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Calhoun.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Holmes.

Following District Secretaries were appointed:

Alexandria, Mrs. R. W. Winstead.....Natchitoches

Baton Rouge, Mrs. J. E. Walters.....Wilson

Lafayette, Mrs. W. M. Buchanan.....Lake Arthur

Monroe, Mrs. J. M. Munholland.....Monroe

New Orleans, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall,

1135 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans

Ruston, Mrs. C. B. Carter.....Ruston

Shreveport, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt.....Mansfield

Alternates to the Council, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham and Mrs. J. J. Holmes.

Report of Committee on Social Service, read by the chairman, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy and same accepted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read by Mrs. Kennedy, same adopted and a rising vote of thanks given the women of New Orleans for their splendid hospitality.

Mrs. Ben Johnson was elected agent for the Council Daily.

Resolution offered that Woman's Missionary Society of Louisiana Conference ask permission of Board of Directors of Divinity School to put a worker on the field during their school for the purpose of giving missionary instruction and Bible study to the women assembled there. Same adopted.

Resolved, that we do hereby Memorialize and request the Board of Directors of the Seashore Divinity School that they grant to the proper representatives of the Woman's Missionary

Society in the patronizing territory of the Divinity School the privilege of providing for addresses to the women who may be in attendance at the School, to be delivered at hours that will not interfere with the regular work of the school, by representatives of the Council, pertaining to the work of the Woman's Missionary Council and on the study of the Bible.

Mrs. Pomisonta, a member of the congregation of St. Mark's Hall, gave her Christian experience and in an earnest manner asked the Christian people to help her people in New Orleans.

The following were presented to Conference: Mrs. Clifford of the Mississippi Conference, Rev. Jamieson of Werlein, Mrs. Self, President of New Orleans auxiliary of First Church, Mr. Ahrens, reporter for Times-Picayune and Captain Wright of the Salvation Army.

Invitations came from Ruston and Minden for the next meeting place. Ruston was selected. After singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," Rev. Thomas pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Friday morning session was opened by singing "Jesus Calls Us." Mrs. A. P. Holt conducted the devotional service, reading a part of the seventeenth chapter of John, stressing these words, "We are sent by God into the World." Sang "More Love to Thee" and prayer followed.

Minutes read and approved as read.

Prayer followed for Mrs. J. J. Holmes who had to leave the Conference on account of illness.

Mrs. Bliss in a few well-chosen words expressed her appreciation of the honor of being elected president for the ensuing year.

Miss Dombourajian, in native Armenian costume, made a splendid talk on Armenia. She told of her conversion and told of the needs of Armenia, stressing the importance of medical missionary work. She made a strong plea for her country.

An hour with the district secretaries followed. This was directed by Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, who presented charts and

helpful tracts. Each district was represented by a color, and each auxiliary in the district was represented by a pennant stating facts and figures of that particular auxiliary. These pennants were hung around the walls of First Church and presented an accurate and inspiring picture of what is being done in each district, each auxiliary standing out for itself. At this time the district secretaries made their reports.

The following annual district meetings were announced: Alexandria district, at Alexandria; Baton Rouge, at Wilson; Lafayette, at ———; Monroe district, at Monroe; Ruston district, at Ruston; New Orleans, at Parker Memorial Church, New Orleans, and Shreveport district, at Mansfield.

Pledge hour followed, conducted by Miss Bennett. She urged upon each district secretary the importance of knowing her district and giving her time and best thought to the work of the Master.

The following pledges by districts were made:

Alexandria	\$475
Baton Rouge	275
Lafayette	475
Monroe	300
New Orleans	600
Ruston	500
Shreveport	1,500

The morning session was extended and an institute on the work was conducted by Miss Bennett, assisted by Mrs. Abel Bliss and Mrs. R. E. Johnson, president of Mississippi Conference. The institute was on the new constitution and by-laws.

Dr. Sawyer, of Hammond; Mr. Pomisonta and Rev. W. W. Holmes were introduced. After the benediction by Rev. W. W. Holmes, the conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock the same day, Friday, March 5.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a song by the congregation, the devotional was led by Miss Emma Abbott.

The memorial service was conducted and three names were

read who had passed from work on earth to reward in heaven.

Tributes were paid to Mrs. Henderson, Shreveport; Mrs. J. C. Monroe, Natchitoches, and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Natchitoches.

Mrs. Johnson, president of the Mississippi Conference, was introduced and talked very interestingly of the work they were doing in Mississippi, and of the Wesley houses in Biloxi and Meridian.

Reports of the following committees were heard:

Junior work, read by Mrs. Harper, and adopted as a whole. Mrs. Harper made the following motion: That in towns where there was an Epworth League an attempt should be made to correlate the Junior Missionary Society. Carried.

Report of extension of work, read by Mrs. Ben Johnson. Adopted as a whole.

Report of finance committee, read by Mrs. Alvin. Adopted as a whole.

Report of young people's work, read by Mrs. R. B. Eglin. Adopted as a whole.

Standing rules, read by Mrs. A. P. Holt, and adopted.

Publication and literature, read by Miss Cora Godat, and adopted.

Report of mission study and publicity, Mrs. A. F. Godat. Adopted as a whole.

The following ladies were introduced to the conference: Mrs. Henry Leverich, president of the Louisiana Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church; Mrs. J. Rollo Knapp, presbyterial president.

Mrs. Bliss thanked the New Orleans women for their hospitality, and Mrs. S. A. Montgomery responded for the New Orleans women, and said the meeting had been a great blessing to them.

Mrs. Werlein conducted the consecration service, and each one felt very close to the Master as they gathered around His altar.

After announcements, the session was dismissed with prayer by Dr. Werlein.

PRESIDENT'S GREETING.

(CONDENSED.)

In response to the invitation of the City Mission Board, we have come to New Orleans for our annual meeting. Your welcome has been most cordial, and we shall enjoy the beauties that are peculiar to this metropolis, quaint and unique in its crescent setting by the sea.

The occasion is unusual, for the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has reached her ideal, and Louisiana Conference, a part of this great organization, meets for the first time under the new plan. Unto the great Head of the Church we bring praise and thanksgiving, for all the way He has led us—for the victories that are ours at the end of another year of labor.

In 1911, at Monroe, this conference voted to become a United Conference Society. Before this there had been the two separate organizations; now they are merged into one, with two departments, and the membership may pay dues to the home or the foreign department, or to both, as they desire. Let me briefly sketch this period of four years. During the years 1911-12 the increase in membership was slight. For 1913-14 the increase has been very satisfactory; 1913 showed a gain of 674 in members; 1914 a still better gain, as you shall learn before this session ends. In money the following totals are significant. I give the condensed from both departments: The total receipts from the Conference for 1910 was \$6,960; 1911, the first year of united societies, the receipts were \$5,626; 1912, \$7,775; 1913, \$9,374; 1914, we shall know when the treasurer has made her report. I became your president in 1912. I had come to your Conference the year before an entire stranger. This, of course, was a great handicap to your work. But you have been patient and kind, and I have earnestly tried to be helpful in planning for an increase in every department and phase of the missionary efforts during these years. Since our last annual gathering we have prayed and toiled, with hearts filled with hope, for an increase in organizations, membership and receipts. The first two items show a fair degree of success, and we praise God. The

receipts have been affected by conditions over which we have no control, and they have conspired against us. The war, the dreadful war, has wrought severe injury to our missionary funds. Our State produces principally cotton and lumber, and these have been a drug on the market. Hence our failure to meet our pledges in full. But we are not discouraged. We know God rules supreme in the heavens, and all should be well in the world. Let us not dwell on the past, for we cannot change it; let us look to the future and redouble our efforts to make 1915 our banner year. Let us have more new organizations and more members in the old organizations. Let our aim be every woman in the Church a member of the missionary society. We can do this if we use the loving personal touch, earnest prayer and the printed matter, the information provided by the Council. The time is full, the harvest is ready and waiting to be gathered. It will spoil and be lost unless we hasten. Go to the women of the Church and ask them if they know that China wants to come unto God and take our Jesus for their own, and that China will be lost unless they help. Surely there is not one who will say no!

The new plan for work given us by the Council is simple and comprehensive. To prepare the auxiliaries for the change your Conference president visited each district annual meeting during October and November, explaining, exhorting, encouraging the membership so that every auxiliary might be ready to fall into line with the beginning of 1915. The auxiliaries in attendance at these meetings expressed their satisfaction with the new order of things. The simple plan of paying twenty-five cents a month per member; a personal pledge made in January for the growth of the work; the week of prayer in November, when we shall gather in our auxiliaries for a time of thanksgiving and thank-offering, bringing our praises with our gifts from hearts full of love for all the bounties and blessings of the year.

To me these plans are simple, and I believe every woman in our Church can do her part as planned if her heart is given into God's keeping and she has consecrated her life to serve her Christ. We want to use Loyalty for our watchword this year—loyalty to our Jesus, loyalty to our Council, loyalty to our Conference, our district, our auxiliary—every member doing her part willingly;

pay the twenty-five cents a month (which covers dues, Conference expense and retirement and relief funds), making a pledge, no matter how small the sum, for God does not look at the size of the gift, but at the heart of the giver. Loyalty says I will, and does her very best, looking unto God for help.

We must not forget that in the past year we used Efficiency to help us. This word is a beautiful jewel, its luster continually increasing as we use and polish it and strive to be perfect in all of our methods. Let us take these two words and make them alive in our auxiliaries, so that we shall have prompt, correct reports every quarter, and all our moneys forwarded and correctly reported. The simplified plans will give us more time for study, and through study and information we shall broaden our vision. How blessed to know that our little gifts are helping throughout the world to bring it to Christ. All Asia is appealing to us and looking for help. Can we deny old China as she realizes her need? The very thought of this empire overwhelms us, but God can bring even China to Himself if you and I are loyal to Him and do our little part. Then our own land, that has so many dark places, especially our own "fair State"—it makes our hearts ache to think of 49,000 people in the southeastern parishes without the gospel, and this beautiful city, with its needy thousands. We are glad that St. Mark's Hall stands like a lighthouse; but it needs so much to be enlarged before it can meet the demands upon it. Let us pray, let us work, that our own city and State may receive the gospel's purifying light. Oh, my sisters, will you try to see these great opportunities for service? Please remember we now, as a Woman's Missionary Society, have the whole wide world as our field. We must do our very best to send the light into the dark places; to give the liberty of God's love for Satan's bondage in sin; to teach obedience to God's law and the just laws of our land, rather than the continual evasion of these sacred laws, and in our own homes teach our sons and daughters the true way of life, for in the home life of every nation are the men and women trained either to make or to mar the citizenship entrusted to them. Women, mothers, shall we realize that we hold the destiny of nations in our hands? I pray we may awaken, and, realizing our opportunity, set our-

selves to the task, beginning at Jerusalem—our own home and auxiliary leaving *nothing undone*—then reaching out to Samaria—our own commonwealth—and to the uttermost parts of the earth, remembering that “it is easy to shift our work, but it is impossible to shift our responsibility.”

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF HOME DEPARTMENT.

The missionary work has struggled under many difficulties the past year. Progress has been slow and results often discouraging, but

“Not to the strong is the battle,
Nor to the swift is the race,
But to the true and the faithful
Victory is promised through grace.”

Two months of our new year have gone by, but there should be an earnest desire in each heart here to-day to improve upon the past year and make 1915 far more fruitful than the year that has just closed.

Efficiency is a popular word to-day, and the thing for which this word stands is greatly sought after in commercial, social and religious work. Christian efficiency is the goal toward which every follower of Jesus should strive to attain. It means power to accomplish the things planned for us in carrying on our missionary work. Since our two departments of work—home and foreign—are united, I am sure this union will mean more efficient work as individuals and as an auxiliary. This union for which we stand is in keeping with the Word of God—“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”

Last year I gave in my report 84 auxiliaries, 2,178 members. This year, 1914, we have only 75 auxiliaries, yet we have 2,227 members. Monroe district was the first to report all auxiliaries united. The following auxiliaries were organized this year: Ruston district, Bryceland; Monroe district, Gilbert; Shreveport district, Stonewall, Longstreet, Keithville; Lafayette district, Bourg and Raceland.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

I have on record thirteen Young People's Missionary Societies, 329 members. This shows an increase of only one new auxiliary, yet I know there are two new Young People's auxiliaries in Shreveport, one at Noel Memorial and one at First Church.

The first vice president elected at our last annual meeting was unable to take up this work in the State, so the work of the Young People has been carried on this year through the efforts of the district secretaries and other officers.

Whenever the subject of Young People's work comes up in our churches or missionary meetings there is always the same discussion as to the greatest need of the work—leaders.

Have we those leaders? Yes, there are many, but they do not realize the privilege of this leadership. It is a privilege to be used in any way in the Lord's service, but there is no department of our missionary work where the demands upon the leader are greater and the rewards richer than in Young People's work. This, of course, applies with as much force to the leaders of the Juniors.

Just think, dear sister, when you are a leader of Young People or Juniors you have under your care the future ministers, missionaries, deaconesses, the future makers of Christian homes, the future leaders in every department of work.

The work of the Young People and Juniors is beautifully planned, and there is nothing left undone to make this work interesting and effective. The eagerness with which the Young People and Juniors respond to the plans and suggestions of their leader is one of the joys of leadership.

JUNIORS.

While the work of the Young People has not made any great advance this year, the Juniors are as busy as a swarm of bees under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. H. Harper, second vice president. We have 39 Junior Missionary Societies, an increase of 14; 900 members, increase 221. In no department of the work has there been a greater growth than in the work of the second vice president. Let us do all in our power to hold up the hands of our first and second vice presidents.

Our Lord not only said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," but He also set a child in the midst of the disciples and said: "Except ye become as a little child ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." One characteristic of childhood is confidence; the child has no struggle with doubt. Faith is natural to every child, and it is only when the world robs the child of its birthright that the child ceases to believe in the Father above and the dear Elder Brother. Some one has said that "Childhood at its best is the most truly and really divine thing in the world. It is the most complete and whole thing we have. It is human nature at its very best, highest and fullest."

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Only thirty auxiliaries observed the week of prayer in November. The week of prayer offering was \$206.08. This is \$28.94 less than in 1913.

Sisters, are we too busy with our own affairs to go apart and be with Him for a little while? Let us, at the time set apart for the week of prayer, empty our hands of the things that count for naught in God's kingdom, and ask God to fill them with the things that will help the unsaved women in our land and our sisters across the sea. Let each delegate here to-day resolve that she will do all in her power to have her auxiliary observe the week of prayer this year. Every woman and child should send a petition to the Father for an especial blessing to rest upon the efforts of our women and young people to aid in the extension of Christ's kingdom. With a united volume of petitions and thanks to our Father, new life, strength and spiritual uplift must be felt to the remotest auxiliary in our State. Pray earnestly, pray unitedly, pray intelligently, and, above all, pray believingly.

MISSIONARY VOICE.

We have 780 subscribers to the Voice. All honor to the Baton Rouge auxiliary. They have 53 members and 55 subscribers to the Voice.

I once heard a minister say that what the world needs most is not more sermons in pulpits, but more sermons in shoes. Many a sermon is powerful enough to secure conversion, if the pastor

only had personal workers to apply the truth. The Voice is a splendid missionary magazine, but it needs not only the agent for the Voice, but you and me and every woman in our Missionary Society and every preacher to go out and secure subscriptions and see that it is in the home of every member of our Church.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The meetings held in each district this year aimed especially to acquaint the auxiliary with the new constitution and by-laws and to emphasize the need of increased pledges and membership. Much interest was manifested and a large increase in information and knowledge concerning our work.

HOUMA MISSION.

The work at Houma and surrounding country is growing in numbers and interest. In this section of our State there are without the gospel half as many people as there are in New Mexico, and nearly half as many as are in all of New Orleans, with her splendid churches and preachers.

Opportunity means "a time favorable for the purpose." Were Christians ever given a more favorable time for purpose of heralding to the very boundary lines of the State the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ? Our opportunity is calling at Houma Mission.

ST. MARK'S HALL.

The work at St. Mark's Hall has been nobly carried forward through the untiring efforts of Miss Martha Nutt, head resident, and her able assistants, Miss Katherine Wilson, nurse; Miss E. Abbott, deaconess, and Mrs. Margaret Siebricht, child welfare nurse.

I had the pleasure of visiting St. Mark's Hall this year, and found the work going forward under the most trying financial conditions.

A Woman's Missionary Society with seventeen members has been recently organized. They also have Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Mothers' Clubs, etc. Twenty babies were baptized during the year, and there were thirty-four conversions. From the child welfare department 3,000 visits were made and 54,450 pounds of ice and 17,794 pints of milk were given.

MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

Mrs. Lilly Meekins, of Mary Werlein Mission, is known as the "Angel of the Irish Channel." In a congested factory district in New Orleans this little woman has spent more than a decade of her life in the closest sympathetic contact with its hard conditions.

In the Parish Prison, in the hospital and around the poor homes of the Mary Werlein Mission the slim figure of the missionary is a familiar one. Her kindly blue eyes and sweet, pale countenance inspires confidence at once. Charity of many kinds is dispensed at Mary Werlein Mission, but the prime feature of that charity is to instill the love of God in men and women and in helping people to help themselves. Services are held regularly, and they have a Sunday School Missionary Society and Epworth League. At its Saturday night service, "for men only," the stranded, down-and-outers come from the four corners of the earth. Men who have no place to sleep are sent to lodgings after the service, and the average attendance at these religious services is from thirty to forty. Positions are often secured for those cut of work, and many are induced to abandon drink and become self-respecting members of society and live decent, God-fearing lives. After the services and talks cakes and coffee and sandwiches are served.

Men, women and children love Mrs. Meekins, and may she live long to help them live close to the Mastr.

PLEDGE.

We pledged \$2,000 in our home department, and, from our State treasurer's report, only \$1,476.21 has been paid. This leaves a balance of \$523.76 unpaid. It is said of Mr. Moody that, soon after he was converted, he led in prayer in the usual prayer meeting so blunderingly that after the service an old deacon came up to him and, laying his hand on his shoulder, said: "Young man, if I were you, I should not speak in public again. You haven't any talent." Undaunted, Mr. Moody replied: "I know I have one talent; I love God, and I love the souls of men." And all the world knows how this talent of love was used to bless and uplift and strengthen thousands.

Henry Drummond says of Christ: "He led no army, He wrote no book, built no church, but loved and so conquered."

When we have love like this, love that endureth, love that suffereth long, love that never faileth, then and only then will we finance God's work as he has planned, and there will be no record of \$523.76 unpaid.

Shall we heed the call of our unfortunate sisters and their little ones, or pass on by, indifferent to their need?

At this glad Easter time let us lift up our hearts to our Father, and may we realize that Easter means more than lilies and music—it is the great day of the Risen Christ in our hearts. May we have a new desire to follow in the footsteps of our Master—the only thing worth while in this world. We must constantly keep in mind the fact that we, like Him, have come not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

MRS. W. T. CUNNINGHAM,
Corresponding Secretary, Home Department.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,

FROM JAN. 1, 1914 TO JAN. 1, 1915.

New Auxiliaries, Adult	19
New Auxiliaries, Young People	3
New Auxiliaries, Junior	13
Total	35
New Members, Adult	332
New Members, Young People	27
New Members, Junior Division	192
Total	551
Auxiliaries, Adult	76
Auxiliaries, Young People	15
Auxiliaries, Junior	39
Total	130

Members, Adult	1652
Members, Young People	346
Members, Junior	900
Total	2893
Baby Enrollment	141
Life Members	23
Honorary Life Members	6
Subscribers to Voice	784
Subscribers to Y. C. W.	165
Mission Study Members	442
Missionaries Supported	2
Scholarships Supported, 10 at \$40	\$400.00
Bible Women, 6 at \$60	360.00
Day Schools, 2 at \$150	300.00
\$75 in Shares in Korean Bible Woman's School, 3 at \$25	75.00
Amount Pledged by Conference	\$2750.00
Amount Paid on Pledge	1849.88
Total on Specials	\$2984.83

In the review of the year's work during these troublous times, we would come, first of all, into the Master's presence with bowed heads for the peaceful lands that we look out upon; for the unbroken home ties; the hearts knit together more closely by the strain felt on land and sea. Men and women, with one desire, are asking God to bring peace out of this world chaos, and that, in His own way, a wondrous impetus shall be given to the spread of the message of Love and the cementing of the Brotherhood of Man.

The troubled hours that were mine over the failures we have made to reach certain goals set, have at least been supplanted by hours of peace. There has come the feeling that God's will was not that we should see the work of our hands prosper in our own way, but that there should be an enrichment of certain lives by sacrifices made, individually or as auxiliaries, that would bring sweeter joy to Him and development to us, than the fulfillment of our large ideals for the Conference Society.

There are gains that are fairly creditable on all lines except the financial. We reached our goal of adult auxiliaries and passed it by one—in the 76. Instead of the 39 juniors reported

December 31, there really were, so the Vice President tells me, existing at that time, 41 junior societies with over the 1000 members desired. But our added members have not brought in the additional moneys that we expected; hence the failure to reach the pledge which was increased to \$750 in order to support our missionary candidate whom we expected to go out during the fall of 1914. This failure leads us back to the root of all our problems, missionary. Dr. Glover says, that, including but going beyond being a question of men, money and methods it is above all a heart-matter, a problem of love, personal love for Jesus Christ. The place of our treasure gives the heart test of our love. Some one has said that an artist is told by what he leaves out in his picture; choosing the central figure, he makes all else subordinate to it. Did we make Christ the central figure in our lives, seeking His Kingdom first, putting Christ's command "To go and teach"—before our comfort, pleasure and riches, then we would not have these problems of indifference and disloyalty to meet. Manifestations of self-enthroned lives, world dominated lives, would be no more, and we would seek first to be about the Master's business. Over and over has the question come to us since the first of the year, "What shall we say to the women who do not believe in foreign missions and therefore refuse to pay their twenty-five cents per month dues, or to those who will not do any part of the missionary work if they cannot do all?" Mrs. H. R. Steele, our Educational Secretary, says "Love is the motive, sacrifice is the measure, intercessory prayer is the way." This then is my answer. Let us get these words down deep into our missionary activities, for there must be this motive power, this measure of love and the way of the cross, if our efforts are to be effectual. Women will then be truly missionary women—world powers—as each of us has the privilege of being. But we must put into our labors the same love, the same sacrifices, the same intelligent intercessory prayer that they are putting who are in the very fire front of the battle line of service.

While our figures are for the closing of the year 1914, they are also the figures of an opening epoch in our Church history. We are starting afresh in our work as we have not done before. It is, in some measure, like the beginning made four years ago.

Two great lines of work seemingly widely separated were brought to run in very close parallel lines. To-day they are merged into one great strong arm for the world's salvation. Again, it will be a time of adjustments. Many difficulties are to be met. More tact, more love, more prayer will be needed. But like the "hundred and twenty" gathered in that upper room, we will tarry for the power that will win many in Judea, Samaria and on the uttermost parts.

There is an increasing desire on the part of the women to get and to give definite, accurate information, and to more thoroughly understand the work. Missionary study and Bible study are becoming more widespread all the time, which knowledge gives the key to inspiration. "Efficiency" has been a key-note worth while, and we hope to keep it before us again this year, the efficiency which comes by preparation, purpose and prayer.

There have been more volunteers for service this year than in any two years since I have been in the work. So our first aim for 1914 was reached. The increased educational standard for candidates prevented the acceptance of this time. Some are already at work to meet these requirements that they may not long be deterred in their purpose for life-work.

Just "holding our own" in the young people's work has not been meeting our aim for that department. Here we stand with the same figures of one year ago. Where we once realized the importance of having the shuttle ready, full, the thread matched in color, and knotted, for the completion of the Master's pattern, then we will see to it that there are leaders for the work of the young people and children. What of the future orchard. Can we keep on having fruit-bearing trees except as we keep a young orchard coming on. Many of us have our eyes blinded to service, ears dulled to the call of Christ's voice by the world's voices, our hearts closed to the beautiful entrance of His life-giving word, because in our plastic years these eyes and ears, and hearts had no such organization, as is the opportunity of children nowadays. Are we sure every child in our church or community has a chance? Our greatest membership increase in 1914 was in the children's organizations.

There are 146 pastoral charges in Louisiana, with 122 pai-

sonages. There are only 76 adult auxiliaries. Where are the others? We have a right to expect co-operation from the pastors, some of whom, I have heard, are not interested in any part of woman's work except the help they can give to the parsonages. Tell the brethren that if they'll only help us to get our visions enlarged to see world needs instead of just parsonage needs, that when we are there, other preachers testify, Conference collections are easier, salaries are better paid, and parsonages are in better condition. "The light that shines the farthest shines brightest nearest home." Great joy has come, especially, in the newest organizations—two in the French mission field at Bourg and Raceland, one in the Italian District of New Orleans, at St. Mark's Hall. Here is the fruit of missionary dues—before our very eyes.

We regret that our number of scholarships is decreasing. Only ten out of the sixteen of 1913 were paid in 1914, and one of these is to be dropped. The Bibles remain the same—6. Two day schools are now supported. Would that more individuals would find the joy of giving here where money yields such abundant fruitage.

Miss Helen Johnson is having her home furlough and will be one of the honored missionaries at the coming council meeting. Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne is filling the days in the period at home by helping to carry forward the work at St. Mark's Hall. Our beloved young friend, Cora Godat, whom we had expected to have as our other representative in Brazil by this time, has not yet regained her health which was so broken down by the training school days. We bespeak for her the earnest prayers of all the women that these days of waiting upon the Lord may bring the blessings He has in store for her. May she be able to witness for Him in these whitened fields around us, until there is strength for other labors.

The District meetings resulted in the organization of at least one auxiliary. Two young women volunteered for special service. Pledges were increased. These are but a few of the good results of the itineration made by Mrs. Bliss, Miss Nutt, Miss Iles and the District Secretaries.

About the same number of auxiliaries observed the Week

of Prayer with a similar offering all too small.

We urge the District Secretaries to get into communication with the District lay leaders that the Voice may become a more vital part of our home life. 781 subscribers among our 20,000 members. May the laymen soon come to realize how strong a hold missions will get upon them if they but become informed. And the responsibility of the Voice subscribers should be shared by the men.

We would have the "Win one" campaign continued this year and faithfully worked. "Win one auxiliary"—one member—one subscriber to the Voice—one Mission study member, one to Christian stewardship in its highest sense. What a sweet "Well done" we will hear the Master saying when the year is closing again.

"No man liveth to himself"—and as truly no auxiliary liveth to itself. Much is said of Stewardship of money. More should be said of Stewardship of Time. Giving money is the easiest way to get rid of a call, be it one for charity or of service to God in the teaching of a Mission Study Class, or an officer in the auxiliary. It is consecrated Time that God wants. That is that in them, that every woman has. Give it back to God in the richness of the life. He would have you live—if your hours are spent in the glorious garden of world-flower culture. The womanhood of the nations call to us.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

Most gratifying work has been done the past year, but we have not yet found a consecrated woman in each Adult Auxiliary who feels that her place is with the children. Are you the woman we are praying and seeking for? We have the children, and they want to serve, but where, Oh! where are the leaders? Thirty-nine women during the past year have worked in this lovely vineyard, and the fruit begins to grow.

Number of Baby Divisions	17
Number of Baby Members	145
Number of Junior Divisions	39
Number of Junior Members	900

Number Mission Study Classes.....	6
Number of Members in Study Classes.....	140
Number of Junior Divisions on Honor Roll.....	1
Number Observing Week of Prayer.....	6

MRS. R. H. HARPER.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSION STUDY.

Number of Auxiliaries	110
Number of Auxiliaries reporting during year.....	26
Number of Auxiliary Study Classes	91
Number of Auxiliaries presenting Stewardship quarterly.....	11
Number of Auxiliary Study Classes	20
Number of Members	656—76
Number of Y. P. Mission Study Classes.....	4
Number of Members	40
Number of Missionary Libraries	3
Number of Bible Study Classes	2
Number of Prayer Circles	2
Number of Pamphlets and leaflets sent out.....	1180
Number of Pledge Cards sent out	25
Number of Enrollment Cards sent out	208
Number of Report Blanks sent out.....	379
Number of Postal Cards written.....	27
Number of Circular Letters sent out	232

The principal books studied: The Gospel of St. John, Mexico To-day, The King's Business, "China's New Day," Conservation of National Ideals, America God's Melting Pot, "The Social Aspect of Foreign Missions," "In Redman's Land," The Story of Livingstone the Path Finder.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.

If I had just had a week longer in which to collect, I'd have been "flush" with reports sure enough this year. They've been coming in by twos at first, and then by the handful for the past week, until I almost feel rich. Some were kind enough to write letters adding bits of information that the report blank did not call for.

Dear Sister Harper, of Zachary, apologetically said, "For once I feel like being discourteous, and not writing at all, because I've so little to report, but when you know that many of us are nearing the close of life our Treasurer being 75, you will see why we are not so energetic as some others, but we have 5 subscribers to the Missionary Voice."

Lafayette claims to have the best President in the State, and so far as heard from has raised more money per capita (\$8.25) than any other auxiliary. Their Study Circle embraces the entire membership, their young people are organized, they use the Bulletin and furnish Press notices.

Keithville, Haughton, Alexandria, Second Church, New Orleans, and Zachary were candid enough to admit that they find no use for the Bulletin. There are several reasons why this ought not so to be. It costs money to print them, money to mail them, and quite a bit of the valuable time of several busy women before they are ready for the auxiliary "waste basket"; but the chief reason why I am sorry that they do not use them is they always contain valuable information that the women of the Church should have.

"Variety is said to be the spice of life," and so with the reports there came a notice of the death of Eros.

Natchitoches began, not "like Charity, at home," but away in the foreign field, with their prayer Circle, but since they have taken in the home circle, and an increased attendance at the Wednesday night prayer meeting, and a spiritual awakening is noticeable. They give the members the prayer topics to hang in their homes so that they will remember what they are.

Parker Memorial devotes three afternoons each week to the work, one to business, one to Mission Study, and one to Bible Study, their young people are very active, serve sandwiches and hot coffee to the hungry men at Mary Werlein Mission, give both of time and money, helping to entertain other young people. They have a fine leader and are doing a splendid work.

First Church, New Orleans has Prayer and Study Circles, an organized Young Peoples' Society and they use the Bulletin.

The statistical report is as follows:

REPORT OF STUDY AND PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.

Name of Aux.	No. of Mem.	No. in S. C.	Study Circle	Reading Circle	Prayer Circle	Or. Y. P.	Use The Bulletin	Items Pub.
Alexandria	40	25	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Algiers	27	..	No	No	No	Jr.	Yes	Yes
Baton Rouge	50	50	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Crowley	40	10	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Carrollton Ave...	31	12	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Gayden	12	..	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Grand Cane	14	13	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Greenwood	30	30	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Homer	40	10	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Houma	14	..	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Haughton	20	..	No	No	No	No	No	No
Keithville	15	15	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Lafayette	56	..	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logansport	27	27	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Mary Werlein....	24	..	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Monroe	68	10	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Merryville	30	30	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Mer Rouge	20	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minden	..	18	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
New Iberia	22	..	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Natchitoches	39	39	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oak Ridge	17	..	No	No	No	Jr.	Yes	No
Parker Mem.....	35	15	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Ruston	62	11	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rayne	15	10	Yes	No	Yes	Jr.	Yes	Yes
Rayville	20	20	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Second C., N. O..	19	7	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
St. Francisville...	10	..	No	No	No	Jr.	Yes	No
Sulphur	12	..	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
West Monroe....	20	20	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Winnfield	12	8	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wilson	58	..	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Zachary	14	..	No	No	No	No	No	No
Lake Charles....	36	18	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Zwolle	11	..	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

SUMMARY—35 Auxiliaries reporting, 886 Members, 410 in the 23 Circles, 7 Reading Circles, 8 Prayer Circles, 21 Young People and Juvenile Societies, 15 furnish items for publication, and 39 use the Bulletin in some way, most of them just read the items, which is the poorest way they can be used.

MRS. A. C. McKINNEY.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

This report, I am sure does not cover all that has been done during the year along the line of Social Service, because some auxiliaries have failed to elect the Fourth Vice President and others forgot to report. But there has been a great awakening among our women on this subject. The studies for 1914 on the all-pervading questions of the day—"Alcoholism and the Social Evil" have provoked inquiry into these problems and more intelligent service. I have sent out during the year nearly 3000 Studies and Leaflets together with letters and Report Blanks.

The following is my statistical report for the year 1914:

Number of Auxiliaries in Conference.....	110
Number of Auxiliaries having Fourth Vice Presidents.....	65
Number of Auxiliaries in Country Districts.....	15
Number of Auxiliaries in Villages	20
Number of Auxiliaries in Towns.....	50
Number of Auxiliaries in Cities	25
Amount Expended on Parsonages.....	\$1031.50
Amount Expended on Churches	\$979.47
Number Auxiliaries holding Cottage Prayer Meetings.....	86
Number Auxiliaries having Committees to visit sick and strangers	107
Number Auxiliaries doing Personal Work on other lines	20
Number Auxiliaries having local fund.....	100
Amount given in Relief Work.....	\$938.83
Amount given for other Local Purposes.....	\$675.80
Number Auxiliaries having Committee to visit Correc- tive and Benevolent Institutions	6
Number Auxiliaries having Committee to do Special Work for Negroes	1
Number Auxiliaries Contributing to City Mission Board	10
Number Auxiliaries Co-operating with other Betterment Agencies	3
Number Auxiliaries taking Social Service Study for quarter	2
Number Auxiliaries holding Special Quarterly Social Service Meeting	1

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY,

REPORT OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

No official report of this District was given on account of the absence of the District Secretary, but the following report was compiled from reports of Corresponding Secretaries:

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	9
Number of Adult Members	164
Number of Junior Divisions	4
Number of Junior Members	93
Number of Baby Rolls	14
Number of Babies on Roll.....	49
Number Subscribers to Voice.....	97
Number Subscribers to Young Christian Worker.....	18
Number Mission Study Classes	2
Number Members in Classes	108
Number Junior Divisions Observing Week of Prayer (Natchitoches)	1
Number on Honor Roll (Natchitoches).....	1
Funds from all Sources, Home.....	\$612.74
Funds from all Sources, Foreign.....	\$840.69

REPORT OF BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

We believe that the Baton Rouge District is getting on "Higher Ground" from a missionary point of view than heretofore, and are expecting greater results another year. A majority of the auxiliaries have a Mission Study Class; we have a goodly number of tithers and the Leaflets and Bulletins are used at the meetings. Another encouraging feature is the increase of subscribers to the Voice and Young Christian Worker.

Our District Meeting was a decided success; much good has resulted therefrom and we are going to have a really splendid one at Wilson next fall.

We realize what an effort it is on the part of our Conference officers to leave home and attend these meetings and we want to show our appreciation by hearty co-operation.

Mrs. Bliss and Miss Nutt were indeed an inspiration to us at our District meeting last fall.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	12
Number of Young People	1
Number of Junior Divisions	7
Number of Members, Adult	238
Number of Young People	12
Number members of Junior Divisions	175
Number Subscribers to Voice	123
Number Subscribers to Young Christian Worker.....	50
Number Life Members	3
Number Scholarship	1
One-half Support of Bible School.	
Number Letters Written	158

(Mrs.) B. E. ESKRIDGE, Secretary.

REPORT OF LAFAYETTE DISTRICT,

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

New Auxiliaries, Adult	2
Number of New Members, Adult.....	2
Number of Auxiliaries, Adult	10
Number of Auxiliaries, Young People	1
Number of Auxiliaries, Junior Division	5
Total Auxiliaries	16
Number of Members, Adult	194
Number of Members, Young People	23
Number of Members, Junior Division	82
Total Members	309
Number of Baby Enrollment for Quarter.....	14
Total Baby Enrollment	14
Number Subscribers to Missionary Voice.....	101
Number Subscribers to Young Christian Worker.....	29
Number of Members of Mission Study Classes.....	159
Number of Scholarships	1
Scarritt	.60
Mite Box	\$12.18
Outstation: 1. Woman's work supported, Expenses.....	\$19.70
2. District schools supported, Scholarship	\$40.00

Amount Pledged by District	\$250.00
Dues	\$137.91
Pledge	\$192.95
Retirement	\$2.29
Week of Prayer	\$44.85

MRS. A. P. HOLT,
District Secretary Pro Tem.

REPORT OF MONROE DISTRICT.

Number of adult auxiliaries, 9; decrease, 1.

Number of adult members, 246; increase, 8.

Number of Young People auxiliaries, 3.

Number of Young People members, 44.

Number of Junior members, 5.

Total number of Junior members, 155.

Total number of members in district, 545; increase, 23.

Number of members on Baby Roll added during year, 14.

Number of subscribers to Voice, 85; increase, 22.

Number taking Home Mission Reading Course, 50.

Number using leaflets, bulletins and secular press, all.

Number of auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 9.

Amount of money sent to Conference Treasurer for dues,
\$199.67.

Amount of money sent to Conference Treasurer for specials,
\$244.96.

Amount of money expended for local work, \$670.59.

MRS. JOHN M. MUNHOLLAND, District Secretary.

REPORT OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Number of adult auxiliaries in district, 15; increase, 1.

Total number of members in auxiliaries (adult), 398; increase, 34.

Number of Young People's auxiliaries, 3; increase, 1.

Total number of members in auxiliaries (Young People), 75; increase, 30.

Number of Junior divisions, 7; increase, 4.

Total number of members, Junior division, 204; increase, 171.

Total number of members in district, 677; increase, 230.

Total number of members, Baby division, 0; decrease, 4.

Total number of subscribers to Missionary Voice, 159; increase, 30.

Total number enrolled as Christian stewards, 13; decrease, 21.

Number of members in Mission Study Classes, 48.

Number of auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 8.

Number of committees to look after the sick, 10.

Number of committees to visit strangers, 6.

Number of auxiliaries giving relief to individuals and families, 8.

Number of Women's Boards of City Missions, 1.

Number of auxiliaries identified with Woman's Board of City Missions, 8.

Number of deaconesses and city missionaries employed, 5.

Number of auxiliaries using leaflets, bulletins and secular press, all.

Number of auxiliaries holding union meetings, 8.

Amount sent Conference Treasurer for dues, \$293.26; decrease, \$57.32.

Week of Prayer, \$31.76; decrease, \$35.89.

Pledge, \$135.10; increase, \$30.10.

Expense, \$34.35; increase, \$1.67.

Relief, \$7.05; increase, \$2.74.

Mite boxes, \$2.27; increase, 87 cents.

Local work, \$1,470.05.

St. Marks, \$938.88.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Adult new auxiliaries, 1.

Young People's new auxiliaries, 2.

Junior new auxiliaries, 4.

Total new auxiliaries, 7.
 New members (adult), 26.
 Subscribers to Woman's Mission Advocate (Junior), 171.
 Adult auxiliaries, 8; increase, 1; decrease, 1.
 Young People's auxiliaries, 4; increase, 2.
 Junior auxiliaries, 7; increase, 4.
 Total, 19; increase, 7; decrease, 1.
 Members (adult), 216; decrease, 20.
 Members (Young People), 75; increase, 30.
 Members (Junior), 204; increase, 171.
 Total members, 495; increase, 211; decrease, 21.
 Subscribers to Voice, 159; increase, 30.
 Subscribers to Christian Worker, 25; increase, 25.
 Number in Mission Study Class, 48; increase, 13.
 Scholarships, 5.
 Bible women, 2.
 Amount assessed, \$501.50.
 Amount pledged, \$456.50.
 Amount paid, \$364.85.

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Dues, \$165.40; decrease, \$10.76.
 Pledge, \$364.85; decrease, 97.40.
 Scholarships, \$120; decrease, \$80.
 Bible women, \$120; increase, \$60.
 Scarritt endowment, \$3.55; decrease, 95 cents.
 Jubilee offering, \$30.
 Mite boxes, \$12.30; increase, \$10.18.
 Week of Prayer, \$28.60.
 Expense fund, \$25.70; increase, 57 cents.
 Retirement, \$6.75; increase, \$1.35.
 Other specials, \$8.43.
 Total, \$885.58; increase, \$71.53; decrease, \$189.68.
 MRS. C. F. NIEBERGALL, District Secretary,
 1135 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans.

REPORT OF RUSTON DISTRICT.

In reviewing the year's work we are impressed with the need of improvement along many lines. When we consider the large Methodist membership in this part of the State, we can but feel that the workers in the Woman's Missionary Society are far too few. There are many churches with no Woman's Missionary Society, and we have not succeeded as we should in enlisting our young people and children in the work. We cannot hope to become intelligent workers unless we study. There should be a much larger number of our women availing themselves of the privilege of the Mission Study Class. Then, comparatively few of our members are making use of our splendid little magazine, the Missionary Voice. It should be found in every Methodist home. We feel sure that there are many more women who are Christian stewards, but only nineteen are so reported.

Several auxiliaries paid their pledges in full, but the failure of others to do their part caused us to fall short on the amount pledged by the district.

Again, we should have more societies represented at our District Conferences. It is here, more than anywhere else, that we may learn what to do and how to do it.

Had you been present at the district meeting in Arcadia last October and heard the inspiring talks and beautiful Bible lessons by Mrs. Bliss and Miss Nutt, you would have gone home with a broader vision and a determination to do better work for the Master.

With all of our shortcomings, we feel that we have cause for encouragement in the fact that some little advancement has been made. We have a few more members in our adult auxiliaries, a few more subscribers to the Voice and a few more than last year in our Mission Study Classes. There has also been some increase in the amount paid on dues, pledge and specials.

A desire has been expressed by the presidents of several auxiliaries to make the year 1915 the best they have ever had. They want to do better work, to approach more nearly the standard of excellence, and to grow in spirituality, and to this end we ask your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BRISCOE CARTER,
Secretary Ruston District.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Number of adult auxiliaries in district, 11; increase, 1.

Total number of members in auxiliaries (adult), 303; increase, 9.

Number of Young People's auxiliaries, 3.

Total number of members in auxiliaries (Young People), 57; increase, 15.

Number of Junior divisions, 2.

Total number of members, Junior division, 55; decrease, 55.

Total number of members in district, 415; decrease, 31.

Total number of members, Baby division, 21; decrease, 1.

Total number of subscribers to Missionary Voice, 111; increase, 19.

Total number taking reading course, 28; increase, 12.

Total number enrolled as Christian stewards (reported), 19.

Number of members in Mission Study Classes, 94; increase, 47.

Number of auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 6.

Number of committees to look after the sick, 5.

Number of committees to visit strangers, 5.

Number of auxiliaries giving relief to individuals or families, 4.

Auxiliaries using leaflets, bulletins and secular press, 11.

Number of boxes sent off and reported to Superintendent of Supply Department, 4.

Amount sent Conference Treasurer for dues, \$271.92; increase, \$17.63.

Amount sent Conference Treasurer for specials, \$65.47; increase, \$5.71.

Amount expended for local work, \$1,054.91; decrease, \$283.29.

Amount expended for city missions through City Mission Board, \$1.58; decrease, 72 cents.

Amount paid on pledge (adult), \$162.94; increase, \$6.34.

Amount paid on pledge (Young People); \$4.

Total, \$1,561.07.

Aside from local work, the total amount raised in the Home Department was \$506.16.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Number members (adult, 168; Young People, 57; Juniors, 55), 280; decrease, 28.

Baby division, 21.

Honorary life members, 1.

Subscribers to Missionary Voice, 86; increase, 23.

Subscribers to Young Christian Worker, 6.

Scholarship, 1.

Dues, \$173.65; increase, \$26.33.

Conference Expense Fund, \$20.65; increase, \$1.40.

Pledge, \$276.10; increase, \$50.56.

Thank offering, Week of Prayer (adults, \$23.05; Young People, 25 cents), \$23.30; increase, \$11.70.

Young People's pledge, \$11.70.

Scholarships, \$40.

Mite boxes, \$2.36; decrease, \$1.09.

Specials, \$8.55; decrease, 10 cents.

Total, \$556.31.

Our decrease in membership was in the Young People and Junior departments.

MRS. BRISCOE CARTER, District Secretary.

REPORT OF SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Number united auxiliaries (adult), 13.

Number home auxiliaries, 15; increase, 3.

Number foreign auxiliaries, 14; increase, 6.

Number members (united), 429.

Number members (home), 474; increase, 49.

Number members (foreign), 459; increase, 99.

Number Young People's auxiliaries, 1; increase, 1.

Number Young People's members, 12; increase, 12.

Number Junior auxiliaries, 6; increase, 4.

Number Junior members, 203.

Number subscribers to Voice, 210.

Number auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 5.

Specials--Foreign: Day school in China, two scholarships.
two Bible women. Home: Deaconess at Houma Mission.

FINANCIAL.

	Home.	Foreign.
Dues	\$455.65	\$366.95
Relief	6.85	10.70
Scarritt	7.50	7.50
Expense	36.95	23.00
Week of Prayer	52.72	36.45
Junior dues	13.70	13.80
Baby dues	1.50	1.50
Mite box	7.08	10.64
Pledge	548.40	529.75
Specials	182.50	350.00
Red Cross relief	50.00	.....
	\$1,362.85	\$1,350.29

Local work, \$4,814.34; grand total, \$7,527.48.

MRS. R. E. BOBBITT, District Secretary.

REPORT OF ST. MARK'S HALL.

Sewing school, 156.

Average attendance, 112.

Helpers, 26.

Boys' Basketry, 15.

Sunday School, 74.

Cradle Roll, 12.

Missionary Society, 17.

Boy Scouts, 38.

Campfire Girls, 21.

Mothers' Club, 17.

Patients treated at the clinic, 2,533.

Prescriptions filled, 6,001.

Visits made, 2,562.

Received 34 new members in the Church and baptized 20 babies.

From the child welfare department of St. Mark's Hall 3,000 visits were made and 54,450 pounds of ice and 17,794 pints of milk were given gratis.

MARTHA NUTT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CITY MISSION BOARD, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

For Year Ending December 31, 1914.

Cash on hand January 1, 1914.....	\$587.23
Collections	4,381.78
Total	\$4,969.01
Disbursements	4,698.36
Cash balance on hand	\$270.65
Due outing fund	86.46
Actual cash balance	\$184.19

ANNUAL REPORT MARY WERLEIN MISSION, NEW ORLEANS.

Visits	1,290
Visits to institutions	194
Opportunities for prayer and Bible reading.....	238
Meetings attended	387
Meetings addressed	59
Copies of Bibles and Gospels given.....	37
Papers and tracts given.....	386
Children placed in homes	3
Cottage prayer meetings held.....	8
Garments given	380
Total attendance at men's meetings.....	1,920
Lunches served to men at meetings.....	1,920
Number using reading room and baths.....	3,640
Groceries given to poor.....	\$36.00
Cases receiving medical attention.....	25
Medicine given	20
Lodgings given to men.....	250
Sewing school average attendance.....	30
Story Hour average attendance.....	30
Boys' Club average attendance	20
Sunday school average attendance.....	60
Preaching services, average attendance.....	50
Senior League devotional services, average attendance.....	25
Junior League-Missionary Cor., average attendance.....	25

Social hall, average attendance.....	20
Children's play hall, average attendance.....	15
Woman's Missionary Society membership.....	28
Lunch room, average attendance daily	35

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LILLY MEEKINS.

REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION, HOUMA.

I did evangelistic work in the French mission field. Beginning September, 1914, my report is as follows: Miles traveled in wagon, buggy, boat, automobile and train, 1,682; visits, 466; meetings attended, 102; meetings addressed, 67; Sunday school lessons taught, 50.

I could tell of many experiences, varied, and yet each interesting in its own way—experiences of waiting for some one to meet me, of breaking the Bread of Life to the hungry (and they are *so* hungry), of sharing burdens by the wayside, of comforting the broken-hearted and cheering the lonely. I could write at length of these, and yet 'twould be much the same as all other earnest children of God are doing. And these things, being the bond between us and our Lord, are so sacred and thrill us so that when we *write* them they do not read as our hearts hear them, do not look as live and vital as to our own spiritual eye, so I shall not enumerate them.

Again it is my good fortune to serve you, my Louisiana Conference, though in another field and in a different phase of work. I am now at St. Mark's Hall, and I shall write later of it. You will still pray for me, I know, and I shall look to you for strength in that line.

ELIZA ILES.

HOUMA MISSION.

As I look back over the past six months with a view to summing up my labors in this field, I speak truthfully when I say these have been the happiest months of my life. Not because it has

been free from cares and little petty trials, but because there has been a gradual deepening of my spiritual life and a daily revelation of our Father's presence and guidance. To know Him is to serve Him, and with service comes a closer fellowship with our Master.

The work in Houma was committed unto me, and my joy has been greatly increased by the hearty co-operation of the Protestant Churches. This co-operation of the Churches is quite necessary if we maintain our rightful place against the powers of evil and against the attack of Roman Catholicism. Romanism is so strong and we so weak they are loath to give us entrance into this field; they look upon us as their enemy, and not as a co-laborer for Christ Jesus.

As institutional features are to be found in all the Churches, we have made some changes in our work in the past three months. At the present we have only the gymnasium class. The reading room is still kept open. Soon we shall take up other lines of activities. Religious services are conducted on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

We have two Sunday schools, one in Houma and one two miles down the bayou. At this little mission we have services on Friday night, after which we try to give them an hour in some social amusement. This they need very much, for they have very little social life. What they do have is the Sunday night ball usually. We also have a Young People's Society there.

In Houma they are given three services on Sunday. The Sunday school and morning service, also song service at night. Tuesday evening the Bible class for the young workers, Thursday evening prayer service, and once a month we have a workers' conference or prayer circle. This prayer circle, I feel, has been a great blessing to our work.

I conduct the Bible class, the prayer circle, also the children's work, quite frequently leading in the prayer meeting and Sunday night service, and twice conducted the Sunday morning service in Mr. Breithaupt's absence.

Last, but not least, is the house-to-house visiting. From this we get into the hearts of the people and see the conditions of the

homes, finding the real needs of the people. Many beautiful and many sad experiences have been mine as I visited among this hungry-hearted people. Prayer is the one tie that binds the closest. While I am not gifted with the power of prayer, some of my richest experiences have come through praying with them in the home.

What we need to-day is education, and then can they understand the Gospel. On entering one home I asked if I might read the Bible to them. The woman, with astonishment, asked me what the Bible was. I told her and showed her mine, and when leaving I asked if she would like for me to give her a Bible. "I could not read it if you did," she answered, "because I cannot read." We would and do give them the Bible, but it contains no rich food for their souls, because its messages are yet sealed to them.

Imagine your home without the precious Word of God, to which you turn in joy and sorrow. Then for one day or week deprive yourself of the many magazines and journals you enjoy at the calm evening hour, and you will then understand the daily life of your French sister in Terrebonne Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

KATIE WALKER.

Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1914.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.	Foreign Depart- ment Dues		Pledge	Expense		Specials	Total Foreign Department		Home Depart- ment Dues		Pledge	Expense		Specials	Total Home Department		Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Alexandria.....	\$32.90	\$50.00	\$.....	\$70.00	\$152.90	\$51.80	75	\$50.00	\$75.75	85	\$.....	\$11.75	\$113.55	75	\$763.25	\$1029.70	1.50	
Alexandria Y. P.....	.75				.75													4.75
Alexandria Jr.....	.90			1.80	2.70	.85						1.20	2.05					7.50
Bethel.....	6.40			.30	7.50										32.45	17.00		72.95
Boyce.....	7.50	15.00	.80	1.00	23.50	13.50		15.00		13	3.95		3.34		3.47			8.96
Boyce Jr.....	.12			5.37	5.49								1.15		48.25			197.15
Bunkie.....	17.50	19.50	3.00	108.90	148.90	21.60		21.00	4.50				.50		1.85			3.98
Bunkie Jr.....	1.35			.78	2.13	1.35									27.40	243.83		271.23
Colfax.....						17.40		10.00							28.80	243.00		271.80
Columbia.....						18.60		6.15					4.05		56.45	144.23		200.68
De Ridder.....						36.45		20.00							26.81			49.17
Jena.....	11.70	10.66			22.36	11.65		12.76	2.25				15		80.75	36.85		190.15
Lecompte.....	18.05	54.50			72.55	18.05		54.50	1.20				7.00		43.15	399.85		448.00
Merryville.....						33.60		10.00	2.55				2.00		90.70			181.40
Natchitoches.....	39.75	37.50	5.45	8.00	90.70	39.65		37.50	5.55				8.00		7.90			15.80
Natchitoches Y. P.....	4.45	2.95		.50	7.90	5.10		2.30					.50		14.46			33.05
Natchitoches Jr.....				18.59	18.59								14.46		13.00	31.95		44.95
Oakdale.....						12.00			1.00				2.25		15.95			158.27
Opelousas.....	18.00	40.07	3.75	72.90	134.72	5.30		7.15	1.25						7.60			150.00
Special—Day School.....				150.00	150.00													
Totals.....	\$159.37	\$230.18	\$13.00	\$288.14	\$840.69	\$287.78	\$246.36	\$22.25	\$56.35	\$612.74	\$1887.56	\$3340.99						

Baton Rouge District.	Foreign Department Dues		Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Foreign Department	Home Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Home Department	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
	\$	¢	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Amite.....	11.40		4.00		2.44	13.84	27.30	20.00		.75	48.05		61.89
Baker.....			3.00			4.00	13.80	13.50	3.25	.70	31.25		35.25
Baker Jr.....	3.60					6.60	3.60	2.00			5.60		12.20
Baton Rouge.....	31.85		65.85	5.50	42.05	145.25	23.60	31.80		6.60	62.00		207.25
E. Feliciana.....	5.00					5.00							5.00
Franklinton.....	10.00		1.00			11.00	5.40				5.40	34.20	50.80
Gayden-Pine Grove.....	15.40		35.70		75.80	126.90							126.90
Hammond.....	.60		.75			.60	19.35		3.20				22.55
Jackson.....	3.90					4.65	10.00	11.10			21.10	136.85	232.19
Jackson Jr.....					8.16	8.16				5.44	5.44		162.60
Kentwood.....	5.55				1.35	6.90	23.60			1.42	25.02		13.60
Kentwood Jr.....					1.47	1.47				.98	.98	15.00	31.92
St. Francisville.....	7.45		5.00	.90		13.35	15.75	5.00	.55		21.30	49.00	17.45
St. Francisville Jr.....	1.77				.03	1.80	1.72			.03	1.75		83.65
Olive Branch.....	1.60					1.60	1.60				1.60		3.20
Wilson.....	2.80		5.00			7.80	15.35	8.70	.50	7.00	31.55	10.20	49.55
Zachary.....	12.40		2.25			14.65							14.65
Zona.....	1.65					1.65	6.65		1.00	2.50	10.15	13.40	25.20
Totals.....	\$114.97	\$122.55	\$ 6.40	\$131.30	\$375.22	\$167.72	\$92.10	\$ 8.50	\$25.42	\$293.74	\$467.99	\$1136.95	

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.	Foreign Depart- ment Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Foreign Department	Home Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Home Department	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Crowley.....	\$37.15	\$105.00	\$ 9.15	\$43.84	\$200.14	\$13.00	\$31.35	\$ 2.15	\$.....	\$46.50	\$798.12	\$1044.76
Crowley Y. P.....	4.75	.....	.....	.30	5.05	4.70	.....	.....	.35	5.05	.....	10.10
Crowley Jr.....	3.76	.....	.....	3.89	7.65	3.73	.....	.....	2.69	6.42	.....	14.07
Houma.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	7.00	11.90	.....	.....	2.41	14.31	96.90	118.21
Houma Y. P.....	.35	.....	.....	.....	.35	.35	.....	.....	.....	.35	.....	.70
Jennings.....	1.90	1.00	.30	.....	3.20	17.00	3.60	3.10	.....	23.70	25.02	51.92
Lafayette.....	21.35	39.50	3.00	18.89	82.74	42.15	53.50	5.20	20.05	120.90	261.00	464.64
Lafayette Jr.....	5.54	.....	.....	5.13	10.67	5.47	.....	.....	3.67	9.14	.....	19.81
Lake Arthur.....	5.00	10.00	.....	.....	15.00	13.90	5.00	.60	.....	19.50	15.00	49.50
Lake Charles.....	10.15	1.50	2.10	.....	13.75	37.55	43.00	4.40	7.50	92.45	4.70	110.90
Morgan City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	15.00	.....	1.50	25.50	.....	25.50
New Iberia.....	19.07	9.05	2.40	3.10	33.62	33.27	8.80	3.90	3.10	49.07	268.35	351.01
Rayne.....	13.20	19.60	2.75	.70	36.25	19.80	19.75	2.75	8.10	50.40	28.55	115.20
Rayne Jr.....	2.31	.....	.....	5.55	7.86	2.31	.....	.....	5.51	7.82	9.92	25.60
Sulphur.....	5.60	7.30	.....	.....	12.90	8.80	7.30	.....	1.25	17.35	65.00	95.25
Totals.....	\$137.13	\$192.95	\$19.70	\$86.40	\$436.18	\$222.93	\$187.30	\$22.10	\$56.13	\$488.46	\$1572.56	\$2497.20

MONROE DISTRICT.	Foreign Depart- ment Dues	Pledge.....	Expense	Specials	Total Foreign Department	Home Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Home Department	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Eros.....	3.00				3.00	10.20	6.00			16.20	60.00	76.20
Farmerville.....						9.00				9.00		12.00
Mer Rouge.....						20.20	11.50	3.75	14.75	50.20	155.75	205.95
Mer Rouge Jr.....	1.55	6.50		.60	8.65	1.55	6.50	.10	.40	8.55	8.75	25.95
Monroe.....	58.05	110.00	8.63	4.85	181.53	45.30	3.66	8.51	1.62	59.09	22.25	262.87
Monroe Y. P.....	4.00				4.00	3.95				3.95		7.95
Monroe Jr.....	10.19				10.19	10.13				10.13		20.32
Oak Ridge.....	13.20	10.00		2.00	25.20	26.40	20.00	3.60	2.70	52.70	69.50	147.40
Oak Ridge Jr.....	5.08	2.00		5.53	12.61	5.02	2.00		3.69	10.71		23.32
Rayville.....	22.70	16.95	35.45		75.10	24.90	16.95	31.25	1.50	74.60	147.84	297.54
Rayville Jr.....		3.00			3.00		2.00			2.00		5.00
Waterproof.....						13.20				13.20		13.20
Winnboro.....	16.10	2.50	1.85		20.45	25.35	34.35	4.75		64.45	16.50	101.40
West Monroe.....						22.70	15.00			37.70	329.85	367.55
West Monroe Jr.....				.85	.85				.65	.65		1.50
Totals.....	\$133.87	\$150.95	\$45.93	\$13.83	\$344.58	\$217.90	\$117.96	\$51.96	\$25.31	\$413.13	\$810.44	\$1568.15

NEW ORLEANS
DISTRICT.

	Foreign Depart- ment Dues	Pledge.....	Expense	Specials	Total Foreign Department	Home Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Home Department	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Algiers.....	\$ 7.30	\$ 4.25	\$.75	\$ 5.55	\$17.85	\$18.20	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.11	\$31.81	\$ 45.89	\$ 95.55
Bogalusa.....						5.80				5.80		5.80
Carrollton.....	32.10	75.00	5.10	64.00	176.20	29.81	20.00	5.05	4.00	58.90	280.47	515.57
Carrollton Jr.....	2.60			.70	3.30	2.80			.50	3.10		6.40
Donaldsonville.....						2.80	2.50			5.30	46.83	52.13
First Church, N. O....	33.40	5.00	9.40	3.35	51.15	51.50	3.00	11.90	14.70	81.10		132.25
First Church Jr.....				8.43	8.43							8.43
Felicity Street.....	23.85	35.00	2.30	6.35	67.50	25.31	14.00	1.85	.55	41.71	129.45	238.66
Louisiana Ave.....						23.00				23.00	74.51	97.51
Epworth.....	.70				.70							.70
Mary Werlein.....						14.21				14.25		14.25
McDonoghville.....						13.90				13.90		13.90
Parker Memorial.....	24.10	8.55	2.05	3.30	38.00	29.70	8.00	2.90	.10	41.30	213.15	292.45
Parker Memorial Jr.....	2.10			10.02	12.12	2.10				8.88		21.00
Rayne Memorial.....	36.45	210.05	8.10	203.65	458.25	43.10	50.00	9.15	12.20	119.45	707.20	1284.90
Rayne Memorial Y. P....	4.55				4.55	4.55				4.55	84.75	93.85
Second Church, N. O....	20.60	27.00		22.45	70.05	23.40	22.00		2.45	47.85	35.59	153.49
Second Church Jr.....				1.83	1.83				1.22	1.22		3.05
Shidell.....						15.30	10.00			25.30	97.25	122.55
Shidell Y. P.....	1.75				1.75	1.75				1.75		3.50
Tchoupitoulas St.....						6.40				6.40		6.40
Totals.....	\$180.50	\$364.85	\$27.70	\$329.63	\$911.68	\$318.51	\$135.10	\$34.35	\$47.61	\$535.57	\$1715.09	\$3162.34

RUSTON DISTRICT.

	Foreign Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Foreign Department	Home Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Home Department	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Alberta.....	\$25.10	\$10.00	\$ 1.75	\$.10	\$36.95	\$24.70	\$25.00	\$ 1.50	\$.65	\$51.85	\$.....	\$ 88.80
Arcadia.....	8.75	5.00	.....	2.05	15.80	8.75	5.00	.....	2.10	15.85	.....	31.65
Athens.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.55	5.00	.....	1.22	20.77	97.00	117.71
Bernice.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.70	.....	.....	.....	2.70	.....	2.70
Dubach.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.45	.....	1.85	2.00	18.30	12.05	30.35
Haughton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.20	.....	1.00	.31	24.51	63.12	88.09
Haynesville.....	10.80	.....	.....	.....	10.80	13.50	.....	.....	.....	13.50	17.45	41.75
Homer.....	25.20	39.75	3.00	1.85	69.80	32.30	10.00	4.20	1.85	48.35	61.41	179.56
Minden.....	34.65	139.35	7.40	54.15	235.55	43.85	52.75	8.35	15.20	120.15	170.37	526.07
Minden Y. P.....	2.85	7.70	.....	.....	10.55	2.90	.....	.....	.....	2.90	.....	13.45
Minden Jr.....	1.45	.....	.....	.....	1.45	1.42	.....	.....	.....	1.42	.....	2.87
Ruston.....	44.95	75.00	8.50	9.75	138.20	61.25	50.00	7.65	10.15	129.05	.....	267.25
Ruston Y. P.....	7.65	4.00	.....	.25	11.90	7.65	4.00	.....	.25	11.90	.....	23.80
Summerfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.20	.....	.....	.....	4.20	.....	4.20
Winnfield.....	11.10	7.00	.....	3.70	21.80	15.30	15.19	4.00	3.75	38.24	76.41	136.45
Winnfield Jr.....	1.15	.....	.....	1.90	3.05	1.20	.....	.....	1.27	2.47	.....	5.52
Totals.....	\$173.65	\$287.80	\$20.65	\$74.21	\$556.31	\$271.92	\$166.94	\$28.55	\$38.75	\$506.16	\$497.81	\$1560.28

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.	Foreign Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Foreign Department	Home Department Dues	Pledge	Expense	Specials	Total Home Department	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
First Ch., Shreveport..	\$153.00	\$210.00	\$ 9.40	\$193.90	\$566.30	\$153.00	\$100.00	\$ 9.40	\$ 3.90	\$266.30	\$2496.26	\$3328.86
First Church Jr.....	2.65	.....	.....	.....	2.65	2.60	.....	.....	.....	2.60	.....	5.25
Greenwood.....	32.75	.....	.....	45.95	78.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.70
Greenwood Jr.....	6.25	.....	.....	1.13	7.38	6.30	.....	.....	.74	7.04	.....	14.42
Grand Cane.....	18.60	5.00	.....	.....	23.60	21.30	15.00	.....	9.25	45.55	36.40	105.55
Grand Cane Jr.....	1.55	.....	.....	.....	1.55	1.45	.....	.....	.....	1.45	.....	3.00
Keithville.....	3.50	.....	1.10	.....	4.60	3.50	.....	1.10	.....	4.60	.....	9.20
Leesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.40	25.00	2.55	12.12	79.07	219.02	298.09
Logansport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.30	24.75	8.25	.....	62.30	579.60	641.90
Longstreet.....	3.95	.....	.....	.....	3.95	6.85	10.10	.....	2.00	18.95	.....	22.90
Mansfield.....	72.00	213.00	5.00	155.00	450.00	72.00	264.80	5.00	262.50	604.30	469.17	1523.47
Mansfield Jr.....	4.85	.....	.....	9.51	14.36	4.85	.....	.....	6.34	11.19	.....	25.55
Many.....	20.90	15.00	1.50	2.20	39.60	20.90	27.00	1.65	2.20	51.75	143.09	234.44
Noel Memorial.....	29.45	47.25	3.00	4.60	84.30	49.70	47.25	5.30	4.60	106.85	418.15	603.50
South Mansfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.40	.....	.70	.....	7.10	36.10	43.20
Texas Avenue.....	15.50	.....	.....	.....	15.50	16.70	.....	.....	.....	16.70	207.35	239.55
Vivian.....	.....	7.50	.....	.....	7.50	19.30	7.50	.....	.....	26.80	87.15	121.45
Zwolle.....	17.30	27.00	3.00	3.00	50.30	17.30	27.00	3.00	3.00	50.30	122.05	222.65
Totals.....	\$382.25	\$529.75	\$23.00	\$415.29	\$1350.29	\$470.85	\$548.40	\$36.95	\$306.65	\$1362.85	\$4814.34	\$7527.48

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS, HOME DEPARTMENT.

Adult Dues	\$1867.53
Young People Dues	31.70
Junior Dues	56.65
Baby Dues	3.35
Week of Prayer, Adult.....	206.08
Week of Prayer, Young People.....	1.10
Week of Prayer, Juniors	9.51
Mite Boxes, Juniors	41.24
Mite Boxes, Baby	6.25
Pledge, Adult	1475.36
Pledge, Young People	6.30
Pledge, Juniors	12.50
Relief Fund	30.92
Scarritt Endowment Fund	24.60
Memorial Roll	2.40
For French Mission, Houma	182.50
Conference Expense Fund	220.66
Refunded Conference Expense Fund	4.40
Red Cross Society	50.00
	\$4233.05

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT.

Total Receipts, Foreign Department	4835.86
Total Receipts, Home Department	4233.05
Balance from 1913, Foreign Department.....	40.94
Balance from 1913, Home Department.....	135.22
Refunded by General Treasurer for Conference Exp.....	325.00
	\$9570.07

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid—

General Treasurer	\$8225.96
Mrs. Lipscomb, Literature Account	39.59
Rev. C. V. Breithaupt, for French Mission.....	163.39
Treasurer J. D. Hamilton, for Red Cross Society.....	50.00
Journal Job Printing Co., for Minutes.....	155.72
Natchitoches Times, for Printing	8.80
Crowley Signal Pub. Co., for Printing.....	9.15
Natchitoches Enterprise, for Printing	12.00
Manheim Floral Co.	5.00
Rev. C. V. Breithaupt, Travel to Rayville.....	12.50
Mrs. S. S. Harris, Travel to Rayville.....	25.00

Mrs. R. F. Harrell, for Travel.....	4.50
Miss Martha Nutt, for Travel.....	59.38
Miss Eliza Iles, for Travel.....	30.20
Miss Cora Godat, for Travel.....	21.70
Mrs. Bliss, Expense Account.....	97.10
Mrs. Harper	45.62
Mrs. Godat	41.07
Mrs. Kennedy	15.55
Mrs. Holt	125.10
Mrs. Cunningham	31.95
Mrs. McKinney	26.27
Mrs. Holmes	15.15
Mrs. James	26.93
Mrs. Eskridge	10.33
Mrs. Girard	7.60
Mrs. Niebergall	2.95
Mrs. Carter	11.32
Mrs. Johnson	2.95
Mrs. Bobbitt	16.25
	\$9299.53
Balance on Hand, Both Departments.....	270.54
	\$9570.07

LOCAL WORK REPORTED.

Value Supplies Sent Off.....	\$ 183.15
Value Supplies Given Locally	1327.95
Amount Expended for Parsonages	2646.27
Amount Expended for Needy	962.95
Amount Expended for Churches	3715.50
Amount Expended for Sundry Specials.....	2042.47
Amount Expended for City Missions	856.95
Amount Expended for Auxiliary Expenses	30.55
Amount Expended by City Mission Board.....	2036.64
	\$13802.43

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Adult Dues	\$1201.87
Young People Dues	30.10
Junior Dues	57.00
Baby Dues	3.15
Week of Prayer, Adult	166.48
Week of Prayer, Young People	.80
Week of Prayer, Juniors	16.36

Mite Boxes, Juniors	61.35
Mite Boxes, Baby	8.11
Pledge, Adult	1849.88
Pledge, Young People	14.65
Pledge, Juniors	8.00
Scholarship	410.00
Bible Women	360.00
Special for Kindergarten, China.....	8.43
Jubilee	30.00
Retirement	30.04
Scarritt	23.75
Memorial Roll	3.60
Bible School, Korea	75.00
Day School, China	300.00
Conference Expense Fund	169.64
Refunded Conference Expense Fund	7.65
	\$4835.86

Minden, La., March 1, 1915.

Mrs. J. J. HOLMES, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Woman's Missionary Society kept by Mrs. J. J. Holmes and found same correct.

Mrs. W. H. LUCK, Auditor.

Minden, La., March 1, 1915.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN LITTLE ROCK APRIL 14-22, 1915.

*Our Slogan for the Year 1915-16: An Auxiliary in Every Church,
and Every Woman a Member.*

The fifth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council has been held. We bring you a very brief review of some of the most important work accomplished.

The president, Miss Bennett, in her message said: "We have entered upon a new day, a glad day! For more than a quarter of a century the Woman's Home and Foreign Societies of Southern Methodism have educated and developed a devoted membership in separate auxiliaries, and have administered annually large sums of money for the conduct of missions at home and abroad. The Council meeting of 1915 consummates the organic union of these long and well-trained forces and marks another forward movement for the evangelization of the world. If organic union does not mean for each individual member of this body a more complete surrender to the will of God, a more real prayer life, a more definite yielding of all that we are and have to Him, we must inevitably fail to accomplish that larger and better missionary service for which we united. Prayer is supreme need of the hour. Prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for a divine quickening of the Church of God in our own land, for large gifts, for world peace. Another readjustment in Council, Conference and Auxiliary methods is before us, and another lesson of patient waiting upon God until this shall be accomplished. Some who have loved and labored with us in the past will not understand the new order of things; some will not approve, and some will fall away. It is always so when the old order changeth. Many of our Lord's disciples "went back and walked no more with Him" when He tried to teach them that "It is the spirit that giveth life, the flesh profiteth

nothing." No other incident of His brief earthly ministry gives a tenderer glimpse of His human kinship with us, His loneliness and heart-longing for true and loyal friendship. We know that even now He is saying to some among us who have companied with Him, as He did to the beloved twelve, "Would ye also go away?" *God forbid that a single woman in Louisiana Conference shall fail in her loyalty to our missionary work.*

The first note sounded in the workers' conference at the first gathering of the forces was for more complete and thorough organization. The Church has 2,000,000 communicants, grouped in 19,780 congregations, worshiping in 16,973 church buildings. The Woman's Missionary Society has approximately 10,000 auxiliaries, Adult, Young People, Juniors. These are massed in about 7,000 churches, leaving more than 12,000 congregations devoid of the educating and spiritualizing force of an organized missionary society. The second note of the refrain which ran throughout the meeting was for prayer that large gifts may come from those whom the Lord has blessed with much of this world's goods. Both of these refrains shall be brought to the full volume only through individual prayer and earnest effort. Definite plans for the first will be made by the Home Base; the second shall be accomplished when every woman who has knowledge of the great need, shall go from her knees to be the steward of God's funds, carefully and concisely telling of the need and ask for help that the kingdom may come in the hearts of men.

The whole session was one of great spiritual power; every one felt the brooding presence of the Holy Spirit. The "quiet hour," conducted by Dr. S. A. Gordon, each day from twelve o'clock until one, were hours when the large congregation came and sat at the feet of Jesus to learn of Him. Dr. Gordon has a wonderfully quieting influence, and one feels in the presence of the Spirit as he elucidates the truths and messages that Jesus Christ left us. All who listened from day to day must forever be better prepared to go on in Christian living and serving.

The secretaries of the General Board attended the session. Dr. Ed F. Cook, just returned from a review of the foreign field, gave information and inspiration that came from personal contact. Dr. Moore and Dr. Rawlins were in attendance also.

One of the greatest addresses of the meeting was given by Dr. Josiah Strong, of New York, whose subject was, "Ours the Day and Land of Opportunity." His opening sentence was: "Max O'Rell said, while lecturing in this country, 'If I could be born again, and the Almighty would let me choose how and where I could be born, I would say, "Let me be born an American, and a woman."'" Dr. Strong added: "Let me be born in the first half of the twentieth century." All the important phases of this broad subject were treated, particularly the social, industrial, and the new civilizations coming into being in the ends of the earth, our duty being to put the Christian stamp on this new civilization.

The survey of the fields cared for by the Council was full of interest and full of promise, opportunity and responsibility. Miss Mabel Head, the new secretary of foreign work, has proven herself to be both faithful and efficient. Her office carries a great burden of hard work, and only one who is indeed "God's fellow-workman" can cope with the task. She said: "China presents a most striking picture of Christian awakening. The contrast between the old and the new is marvelous—her religious possibilities challenge the best that is in the Christian Church. Many public improvements have been made, a postal system established and parcel post introduced. The sale of the Bible and portions of Scripture has been greater than in any previous year. A continuation committee, representing all the Protestant churches in China, has been formed for the purpose of conserving religious forces and organizing for more aggressive work. Plans for union educational work have progressed and the Union College for Women in Nanking will open in the fall."

In Korea there has been great material progress since its occupation by Japan, with the hard test of subjection to a foreign yoke, a reaction from the great revival of a few years past and many changes in its educational work. Korea is a land of suffering and of service. The Christians are apostolic in their study of the Word, in their giving of self and substance, and they set an example to all the Christian world in voluntary service. There is great need of educated leaders during these days of reconstruction. In Seoul the first union day school is established. More missionaries is the need.

Brazil more than any other country in which we have mission work has felt the effects of the European war, and because of dire financial conditions our missionaries have been brought under fearful strain from overwork and the various demands upon them. Seven missionaries have dropped out during the year, either through sickness or marriage. The demand for a school of high grade continues in Rio, and our prayers and gifts must go out to help answer this call. The work in all the stations is of the most helpful sort, and our institutions scattered through the southern portions of Brazil are rich with promise.

The financial conditions prevent extension of work during this year, with one exception; in every field the Council plans to care for the work now established, leaving expansion for the time when our gifts shall be commensurate with our blessings. God grant that through prayer and a willingness on the part of His children to render unto Him of the store that belongs to Him, we shall be able to possess the land that is ours by promise.

The Woman's Missionary Council has decided to enter Japan. For twenty-five years the General Board has had a great school in Hiroshima for girls, also a training school for Bible women, with four women in charge of this work. The Council will now assume this work. The cost will be as follows: One Bible school, \$1,730; two missionary Bible teachers, \$750 each; two missionary evangelists, \$750 each; two new missionaries going out this year, outfit, travel and salary, \$1,000 each; nineteen Bible women, \$75 each; six kindergartners, \$125 each. The salary for two missionaries and five Bible women have been pledged. Miss Bennett asks: "Are there not other individuals who, above and beyond that which they have given in the past, will help our Lord win the heart and home life of Japan? The money must be raised over and above our present obligations."

Dr. Ed F. Cook and Bishop Atkins, just returned from the Orient, presented to the Council the great need in this field, stating the political situation and showing that just now Japan is the strategical place of operation.

Bishop Atkins said that the Church needed the Women's Council in Japan not simply for the money they would contribute, but far more truly for their influence and leadership.

At home the work progresses, and every school and settlement and city mission brought reports replete with success and a plea for enlargement. Three new City Mission Boards were established during the year. We now have under appointment eighty-four deaconesses and thirty-six city missionaries. The work among negroes and foreigners continues to broaden, and we are slowly learning to touch the person next to you and transform him through the power of the crucified Jesus. Through personal touch the negro shall become a servant not to be ashamed of, and the poorest immigrant a worthy citizen, or, if he be a transient within our borders, he shall return to his own land bearing the marks of the Christ upon his character. Be watchful for the Council report of 1915 when it is sent to your auxiliary and study it faithfully, that you may be posted as to the progress and needs of our great missionary work.

The reports showed an increase in organizations and membership, notwithstanding the confusion arising from the introduction of organic union and the very inadequate means of making reports. The constant prayer of the Council meeting was that more women be interested. Miss Bennett brought out repeatedly the question, "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" Only one woman in ten in the Church is interested in this organization; where are the other nine? We were deeply impressed that we must find these other "nine." This is our task, and the plans for every line of the work aims at its accomplishment. To this end the Young People's work will be equipped with suitable material, new and inspiring. They were granted the privilege of raising \$25,000 as their pledged share of the Council work. The children's work is to have even more and better helps, including a catechism and a more complete method. The children's paper, the "Young Christian Worker," is to have a new editor, Miss Estelle Haskin being elected to the position. Both of these branches of the work received a large share of the time and attention of the Council. In the reports these Conference vice presidents were extolled for the intelligent, aggressive and faithful work done.

The foreign field was represented by eleven missionaries, two from Korea, four from China, four from Brazil, one from

Mexico. These consecrated women bring to us our inspiration as they tell of their successes and the urgent needs of the rapidly developing work in their stations. They make our work real. We felt as we listened to their earnest narration that we must do more so that the waiting millions may be fed the bread of life. Twelve deaconesses were in attendance and added much to the home side of the work. One of the crowning events of Council meeting is the consecration evening, when the graduating classes for deaconess and missionary work are accepted and consecrated for service. Bishop Mouzon performed this service, preaching from the text, "In the cross of Christ I glory." Eleven deaconesses were consecrated and nine missionaries for foreign service accepted. A notable service was the one given for "world peace." The peace question was discussed from the viewpoint of Christian government; a plea for the teaching of Jesus as the basic principle of all plans of government; disarmament of the nations the only road to Christian brotherhood, but impractical until the spirit of Jesus Christ reigns in the hearts of men; justice in social relations, a plea for social justice; organization for peace, setting forth the fact that peace must be in the hearts of men before any peace organization can succeed; womanhood and world peace, a plea for the motherhood of the world. All hearts were stirred by these earnest talks and sentiment created that must assist to enthrone God in the hearts of men. The Peace Party received many new names on its roster as a result. Peace resolutions were adopted. The Latin American Commission, representing the Foreign Mission Boards of North America, are to hold a conference in Panama in February, 1916. This conference will do for the Latin fields what the Edinburgh Conference did for the Orient. Miss Belle H. Bennett has been made chairman of the Commission on Woman's Work. This is the first time that any of the world's conferences have made a definite study of woman's work. Let us remember the conference in prayer.

The treasurer's report gave the following totals for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914:

Cash receipts from Home Department.....	\$183,362.31
Reported by voucher City Missions.....	81,160.91
Cash receipts, Foreign Department.....	276,807.52
Total	\$544,330.74

Amount reported for local work.....	295,615.43
Value of supplies	24,991.81
Grand total	<u>\$864,937.98</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

The committee on extension of work recommend:

First—That the “Win One” campaign be continued among our auxiliaries and that each auxiliary organize one other auxiliary during the year, and that each member “win one” other member.

Second—That the following Conference Standard of Excellence be adopted, any auxiliary making seventy-five credits being placed on the Honor Roll:

	Credits.
1. For an increase in membership.....	5
2. Average attendance at each meeting to equal one-third of membership	5
3. Dues (25 cents a month) paid in full by each member.....	10
4. Every member contributing toward pledge.....	10
5. Monthly Bulletin presented, program on the monthly topic and prayer for the work and workers once a month.....	5
6. A Mission Study Class.....	5
7. Subscribers to the Missionary Voice equal to one-third the membership	5
8. Week of Prayer observed.....	10
9. Children organized under the Second Vice President	10
10. A Young People's Society.....	10
11. Regular presentation of Christian Stewardship.....	5
12. All communications sent by District Secretary or Conference officer be answered.....	5
13. Regular committee doing Social service.....	5
14. One delegate sent to annual meeting and two to district meeting	5
15. The executive committee meets at the end of each quarter to prepare and verify reports of each officer before sending them to District or Conference officers	5

Third—Auxiliaries obtaining Standard of Excellence shall at end of each quarter notify the District Secretary, who, in turn, shall notify the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

The Honor Roll of auxiliaries shall be displayed at the district and annual meetings of the Conference Society.

Fourth—Realizing the need of being in closer touch with our Master, we recommend that the president of each auxiliary give out a topic at each meeting for meditation and prayer during the week.

Fifth—That the list of new Conference officers, together with the most important items of the reports of the annual meeting, and of Council meetings, be edited by the Conference corresponding secretaries and be mailed to each auxiliary immediately upon the adjournment of these bodies.

Sixth—That all auxiliaries hold their business meetings in the first week of the month.

Seventh—That consecutive District meetings be held during the month of October, if possible, and that each auxiliary pay expenses of its meeting.

Eighth—That the reception of new members into the auxiliary be made important and impressive.

Ninth—We urge that every member pray earnestly that our brightest and best young women may hear the Master's call and give their lives to His service as deaconesses and missionaries.

MRS. A. P. HOLT, Chairman.

MRS. BEN JOHNSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

We memorialize the Council to appropriate \$2,400 for the work at St. Mark's Hall, \$1,000 for the French Mission and \$360 for Mary Werlein Mission.

MRS. EDWARD ALVIS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSION STUDY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

First—Recognizing that to-day almost everything is specialized, we recommend that the Bible be made the subject of our

special study, both in private and in association with others in classes or circles.

Second—Many books and pamphlets full of assistance have been published and can be easily obtained at small cost by applying to Mrs. R. H. Steele, Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Third—Believing fully in the power of *prayer*, we recommend the formation of prayer circles and more fervent and definite prayers by each member of our society.

Fourth—Where it is impracticable to form circles that will meet together for prayer and Bible reading, we recommend home reading along lines to be adopted, and having certain stated times of prayer agreed upon, when all, whoever they be, may offer up their petitions to their loving heavenly Father.

Fifth—We suggest that the Missionary Societies ask our ministers for a prayer meeting night of each month to hold missionary prayer meetings or classes.

Sixth—We recommend the bringing of our work to public notice by all means practicable, by the use of the press, public announcements and special meetings.

Seventh—We also recommend that the literature received from the various officers and departments be carefully studied and preserved. Much of it is prepared very thoroughly by our ablest writers, and its faithful use would do much to increase our knowledge and quicken our zeal.

Eighth — We recommend that our secretary be instructed to have 500 copies of the Annual Minutes printed, and urge the study of this book so as to make efficient workers. As soon as possible after receiving the Minutes, we urge each auxiliary to conduct a Quiz.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee recommends the following:

First—Since no part of the dues can be retained in the Conference for an expense fund, we recommend that, in addition to the regular dues of 20 cents per month, each member be taxed

5 cents per month to provide a Conference expense and retirement fund.

Second—We recommend that each auxiliary pay \$4 for the endowment fund for Scarrett Bible and Training School.

Third—That the first meeting in January be observed as Pledge Day.

Fourth—That an every-member campaign be observed, and stewardship cards be distributed and used.

Fifth—That the envelope system be used for offerings.

Sixth—That auxiliary treasurers procure record books for the united work.

Seventh—That an offering be taken at each district meeting to defray expense of the meeting.

Eighth—That expense accounts of Conference officers and district secretaries be sent to the Conference treasurer quarterly at the close of the quarter.

Ninth—That pledges be apportioned by districts and the district secretaries apportion the prescribed amounts by auxiliaries.

Tenth—That we instruct our representatives to the Council to make an undirected pledge for their Conference of \$4.125.

MRS. EDWARD ALVIS,
Secretary of Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

The committee on social service recommends:

First—That one meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society each quarter be given over to social service study.

Second—That the auxiliary superintendent of social service shall endeavor to create such community conditions as shall give every life a chance to grow straight and clean.

Third—That the superintendent appoint a committee to visit the jails and prisons and the sick and strangers.

Fourth—That the committee keep pace with all reform legislation, to the end that the influence of Christian women may be brought to bear on legislators in favor of needed reform.

Fifth—That we heartily and prayerfully indorse the work of the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League.

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Realizing that the Young People's work is the weakest of all departments, we recommend:

First—That the adult auxiliary wake up to its importance and begin at once to do definite, earnest, organized work with the young people of the Church.

Second—That as a reminder and an incentive to work, the first vice president make a list of all available young people for comparison with the actual membership list.

Third—That every auxiliary have real live prayer circles for the young people of the Church.

Fourth—That bright, interesting programs, adapting outlines of Year Book, be used in meetings, and that a mission study course be adopted.

Fifth—That the vice presidents of the Young People's Societies co-operate more heartily with the vice presidents of the Adult Societies, and that the adult vice presidents give them some definite work each month.

Sixth—That a public meeting be held at least once a year, and oftener if deemed practicable. Helps and entertainments for young people will prove a valuable assistance.

Seventh—That our young people be encouraged and urged to send representatives to district and annual meetings and to other missionary assembles for young people.

Eighth—That the social feature of the department be stressed, the leader using her judgment as to how and when to have social entertainment.

Ninth—That the young people observe the Week of Prayer.

Tenth—That in towns where there is an Epworth League an attempt be made to correlate with the Young People's Missionary Society.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

Realizing that the greatest line of work lies before us, the understanding of little children, in order that they may be properly trained we urge:

1. That the leader study child nature to know it as the Master Teacher knows it.

2. That the number of organizations in the Junior Divisions, and the number of Baby Rolls, be increased to 75.

3. That we have a continuous membership campaign until we have every baby in the Church on the Roll, and every child receiving Missionary Education.

4. That we make a determined effort to place the Young Christian Worker in every home.

5. That the educational work with the children be further carried on through the Year Book, leaflets, Story Hour and Mission Study Class, and that we place special stress upon the monthly Bible lesson which appears in the Young Christian Worker.

6. That every Second Vice President make note of, and familiarize herself with our splendid line of equipment; study the Constitution and By-Laws, Institute, Suggestions, Standard of Excellence, Certificate of Honor, also the membership and promotion certificates, Baby and Junior Mite Boxes, the pin, pennants, curios and charts.

7. That we urge Promotion Day from Baby Roll to Junior Division, and from Junior Division to Young People.

8. (a) That we urge the careful study of our new leaflets of the Children's Special—"Wolf Mission" for the Baby Division; "Little Foreign Cousins Who Need the Kindergarten"; "Gulf Coast Work," and "Bits of New China from McTyeire" for the Junior.

(b) That we also ask that our children set as their pledge toward the specials (to be paid through the mite-boxes) \$300.

9. That the children have part in the Week of Prayer.

10. That at each Annual Meeting an Institute hour be given to the work of the Junior Division.

11. That the Auxiliary Second Vice President seek the closest affiliation with the Sunday School and Epworth League.

12. That we urge that Second Vice Presidents study the new report blanks, and report in an intelligent way on each item.

Signed: MRS. W. H. PRICE,
MRS. R. H. HARPER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto the name of the Most High. Gratitude is a virtue greatly extolled in God's Holy Book and it is a virtue, with few exceptions, common to the human race. This committee, representing the sentiments of this Conference, desire to express their grateful appreciation of the cordial welcome extended to all the delegates and visitors to this Annual Meeting.

2. Special thanks are due Mrs. C. F. Niebergal, whose thoughtful kindness provided such a delightful reunion and dinner at the DeSoto Hotel.

3. We extend thanks to the pastors of New Orleans and other friends who have helped us by their presence and prayers in this annual session.

4. To the ladies who have so bountifully and cheerfully provided the noon hour luncheons.

5. Also to our hostesses who have done so much for our comfort and pleasure and to the press for its kindly notices and full account of the work done.

6. We would express our gratitude for the presence of our loved and honored leader, Miss Belle Bennett, and the message of God's love she has given us.

7. Last, but not least, we lift grateful hearts to our Heavenly Father for the spirit of love and good will throughout the entire session.

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY,

SPECIALS SUPPORTED BY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

DAY SCHOOLS.

Name.	Date taken out.	Place.	Supported by whom.
1.	1913....	Wasih School, Soochow. China.	Mrs. E. R. Nabors, Mansfield
2. Cox-Lyon.....	1914....	Sunkiang, China.....	Mrs. Anna Cox Lyon Meeker, La.

BIBLE WOMEN.

1. Nannie Battle.....	1899....	Soochow, China.....	Aux. First Church, Shreveport
2. Dorothy Wilmot....	1901....	China.....	Mrs. R. W. Wilmot, New Orleans
3. Amelia McCutcheon.	1907....	Korea.....	Mrs. J. C. Foster, Shreveport
4. Priscilla Bentley...	1908....	Korea.....	Carrollton Ave. Aux. New Orleans
5. Hattie Haas.....	1912....	Korea.....	Mrs. W. D. Haas, Bunkie, La.
6. Emma Owen.....	1913....	China.....	Owen S. S. Class, Alexandria, La.

STATION PLAN.

3 shares.....	1913....	Wonsan, Korea.....	Mrs. I. G. Gayden, Alice Cobb Bible Woman's School. Gurley, La.
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SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Lee Dicks.....	1899....	Korea.....	Rayne Mem. Aux., New Orleans.
2. Marguerite Crain...	1899....	China.....	First Church, Shreveport.
3. Belle O'Pry.....	1905....	Mexico.....	Rayne Mem. Aux., New Orleans.
4. Bettie Martin.....	1906....	Korea.....	Mrs. N. R. Grigsby, Minden.
5. Robbie Foster.....	1907....	Brazil.....	Mrs. Paul Foster, Opelousas.
6. N. E. O'Pry.....	1908....	Korea.....	Mrs. T. B. Belle, Algiers.
7. Sara Burton.....	1908....	Brazil.....	Crowley Aux.
8. * Margaret Kent....	1908....	China.....	Mrs. S. B. Jones, Baton Rouge.
9. Maccie Haas.....	1912....	Korea.....	Mrs. W. D. Haas, Bunkie.
10. Francis Howell....	1913....	Brazil.....	Greenwood Aux.

* Dropped with 1915.

MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSSES FROM LOUISIANA NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

Ap- pointed.	Name.	Home Address.	Field Address.	Field.
1901....	Miss Helen Johnston.....	Opelousas, La.....	Rebeirao Preto, Brazil.....	Brazil
1908....	Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne.....	Zwolle, La.....	Apartado 103, Durango.....	Mexico
NOW AT ST. MARK'S HALL, N. O.				
1908....	Miss Martha Nutt.....	Granberry, Tex.....	St. Mark's Hall, N. O.....	New Orleans
1912....	Deaconess Eliza Iles.....	Dry Creek, La.....	St. Mark's Hall, N. O.....	New Orleans
1907....	Miss Kathrin Wilson, nurse.....	Texas.....	St. Mark's Hall, N. O.....	New Orleans
	Mrs. Lily Meekin.....	New Orleans, La.....	Mary Werlein Mis., N. O.....	New Orleans
1914....	Deaconess Kate Walker.....	San Angelo, Tex.....	Houma, La.....	French Mission

LOUISIANA MISSIONARIES NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

1889....	Miss Sallie M. Phillips.....	Homer, La.....	.....	.....
1904....	Miss Ada Parker.....	New Orleans, La.....	.....	.....

LOUISIANA DEACONESSSES IN SERVICE IN OTHER STATES.

1910....	Deaconess Mary Daniel.....	Opelousas, La.....	Corinth, Miss.....	.....
1907....	Deaconess Roberta Baker.....	Rayne, La.....	Thurber, Texas.....	.....

STANDING RULES.

1. Application for all specials shall be made through the Conference Correspondence Secretaries.

2. The Conference Treasurer shall notify the Conference Corresponding Secretaries when the money is in hand to meet specials, specifying by whom paid.

3. The following items shall have a permanent place in the Conference Minutes:

(a) The address and price of "The Missionary Voice" and "The Young Christian Worker."

(b) The specials supported by the Louisiana Conference W. M. S.

(c) The specials named by the Council for the Young People and Children.

(d) Directory giving complete list of auxiliary officers.

(e) The Reading Course for adult, young people and children's societies, price and publishers.

(f) The constitution for adult, young people and children's societies.

(g) A list of the officers and managers of The Woman's Missionary Council.

4. At each annual meeting, where practical, public collections shall be taken for the Conference work.

5. The Conference Treasurer shall advance to the Conference Corresponding Secretary \$10.00 per quarter for office expenses.

6. Stationery with the printed names of Conference officers and district secretaries shall be furnished for the correspondence of said officers and secretaries.

7. The annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be held after the meeting of the Council, the exact date to be fixed by the Conference Executive Committee. Should an earlier meeting become necessary, the Executive Committee shall have power to call the meeting.

8. District Secretaries and Conference Treasurer shall send a duplicate of their quarterly reports to the Conference President.

9. An editor and an associate editor, both living in the

same town, shall be appointed by the chair to arrange and print the Conference Minutes.

10. There shall be a daily conference of the district secretaries at each annual meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary from each district, and the following officers: A President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated by a committee composed of a representative from each district, who shall be chosen by the district delegation. This shall not debar the parliamentary privilege of nomination from the floor nor the privilege of balloting for any person not nominated.

3. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Con-

ference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

7. The first Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work and shall report quarterly to the First Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature if so ordered by the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship and shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of the Home Base, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

9. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the Minutes of the same on record.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping an account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She

shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

11. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall promote mission study and Bible study and shall disseminate missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Educational Secretary.

13. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Social Service.

14. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Supplies.

15. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund which cannot be directed by the Conference.

17. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

18. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be

applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. The last half-hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible Study.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR ADULT AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer and service and by paying twenty cents per month.

Each member shall be asked to make a voluntary offering for the maintenance and extension of the general work. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council—forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the

foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered as an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

5. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

6. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

7. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

8. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop

and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children's auxiliary. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly-elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same, to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. As., etc.

7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

10. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of ——— Church, auxiliary to ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer—forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

6. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall keep in touch with the First Vice President of the Conference and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Second Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary in superintending the Children's Auxiliary.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly-elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of Mission Study and Bible Study classes, for prayer circles, and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall have charge of subscriptions to the Missionary Voice and The Young Christian Worker. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall co-operate wherever possible in the social service movements of the Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

8. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Second Vice President. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

BABY DIVISION.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division, at the age of six years,

shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. These officers, with the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division. The Second Vice President shall be agent for the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organizing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the *Young Christian Worker* and local papers.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in directing the children in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, has need of a standard constitution for the use of city mission boards, we, the Standing Committee on Deaconesses and City Missions, recommend the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION.

I. COMPOSITION.

1. In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries exist, whether in one or several churches, they shall unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of a Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board. The auxiliaries of a presiding elder's district may also unite to form a District Board of City Missions.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from each co-operating auxiliary. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives. Further representation shall be determined by each City Mission Board. Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of the churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders are advisory members.

II. OFFICERS.

1. The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer and as many superintendents of departments as the work of the board demands. These officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The election of officers shall take place at the January meeting of the City Board.

III. DEPARTMENTS.

1. A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into departments, each department to be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the board.

IV. COMMITTEES.

1. The work of the City Board shall be conducted through department committees, the number of such committees corresponding with the number of departments. The superintendents of the departments shall be chairman of these committees.

2. These department committees shall consist of at least one member from each co-operating auxiliary. They shall be nominated by the superintendents of departments and elected by the Board in the February monthly meeting.

3. Department Committees meet at the call of the superintendents.

4. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

5. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the Presidents of the co-operating auxiliaries.

V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Missions.

2. There shall be called meetings of the board when necessary.

3. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCES.

1. The co-operating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges payable monthly.

2. All Boards of City Missions who expend \$60.00 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, an appropriation of ten per cent of the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the board and actively advance its interests. In her absence, the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall be chairman of a standing committee that shall have the supervision of the building and its premises.

3. The Treasurer shall keep account of all money received and expended, making a monthly report to the board and a quarterly and annual report to the Board and also to the Treasurer of the Conference Home Department.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding

Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board, and shall give notice of all regular and called meetings. She shall keep a record of the work in permanent form.

6. The Executive Committee shall handle all questions relative to the employment or dismissal of workers, submitting their action for approval to the board in regular or called meetings.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Each co-operative auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See regulations, Council Report.)

MISSION STUDY COURSE FOR YEAR 1915-1916.

Adults: "Native Church in Non-Christian Lands," by A. J. Brown; "Mission of the Church in America," by C. L. White; "The Kings Highway," by Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery; "Home Missions in Action," by Mrs. John Allen.

Young People: "Comrades in Service," by Margaret Burton; "John Williams, Ship Builder," by Basil Matthews.

Juniors: "Around the World with Jack and Janet," by Norma R. Waterbury.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS.

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